



THE ETHANOL REACH ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013

Minutes

Meeting: 18 April 2013, 10.00 - 12.30 hours CET
The Hotel, Brussels

Chairman:	Fabien Hubert (President)
Vice President:	Bernard Bastier
Treasurer:	Peter-Paul Hermans
Other Executive Committee Members:	M. Mundt, S. Krämer, E. Garcia
Secretariat:	M. Macaré, S. Feith
Technical Consultants:	P. Davison, J. Kelsey
Others present:	25 Large Ordinary members present or represented by proxy

1. Welcome, Antitrust Law and Introduction

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the General Assembly of EtOH-REACH. The Chairman referred to the Antitrust Guidelines that had been distributed, reminding members that they should always strictly be followed. The Vice-President then introduced the members to the Executive Committee, the Secretariat and the technical consultants.

2. Ethanol - Update on activities and plan for rest of 2013

a. Classification/labelling developments

Denaturants and evaluation

Mr. Kelsey informed the participants concerning the denatured ethanol project. A briefing note was made available to the members in 2011. A survey amongst members had been conducted in 2012, identifying the most used denaturants for ethanol. Based on feedback, specific scenarios were made for these specific denaturants and their uses. With the master versions complete, translations would be made available, including instructions on use.

Classification and labelling inventory update

In February 2012, the classification and labelling inventory had been published. The inventory had many generic issues, which Mr. Kelsey highlighted. He reminded the participants of the classification and labelling submitted by the association. The inventory had been updated later in 2012, with some issues fixed, but a number still present. The classification and labelling discussion platform had been made available by ECHA late 2012, but the association had decided that currently, the platform lacked the tools to start a controlled, focussed discussion.

Classification and labelling – Biocidal Product Regulation

The consultants explained that two consortia for registration of ethanol for biocidal purposes had formed. The review by Greek authorities of one of the two dossiers, the dossier by the ATF consortium, now threatened to include a proposal for a CMR classification. EtOH-REACH had alerted its taskforce and engaged various parts of the ethanol industry. The EtOH-REACH evaluation taskforce had been informed and concerted action was being planned.

b. Other activities 2012 & plan for rest of 2013

The consultants gave an overview of other activities, as well as updated ECHA guidance and briefing notes for members issued. The workplan of the consultants for 2013 included monitoring ECHA guidance. The consultants reminded everyone to monitor their REACH-IT inbox and to inform the secretariat if any letters from ECHA were received.

The REACH fees regulation and implications for members were shortly presented. Headline changes included an increase of fees for non-SME's, but a decrease for SME's.

3. Associated substances

a. Vinasses

Mr. Krämer showed the 5 subgroups for Vinasses and the number of members. ECHA had requested additional information concerning a missing partition coefficient for n-octanol/water. The relevant IUCLID sections for the Lead Registrants were updated, with ECHA accepting the updates.

b. Fusel Oil

Mr. Krämer showed the Substance Identity Profile for Fusel Oil. The Lead Registrant had submitted its Dossier, with members to receive the token and templates shortly after the General Assembly.

4. Financial update

Mark Macaré presented an account of EtOH-REACH's financial status.

a. Account 2012 and Auditors' Report

Last year ended with a net result of -€ 39.111 compared to the --€196.285 budgeted. Main differences between the budget and the actual result were the fact that there had been more than 125.000 euro income. The costs were lower, mainly due to the fact that the contingency for the evaluation taskforce had not been used and that the meetings had cost less. The Report was approved by a unanimous vote of the General Assembly.

b. Budget 2013

Mr. Macaré then presented the budget for 2013. The forecasted result was --€207.975 at the end of 2013. The budget was approved unanimously by the General Assembly.

c. Report Vinasses

Mr. Macaré then presented the budget for Vinasses for 2013 and the results for 2012 for information, as these would be approved by the Vinasses Consortium members.

d. Report Fusel Oil

Mr. Macaré then presented the budget for Fusel Oil for 2013 and the results for 2012 for information, as these would be approved by the Fusel Oil Consortium members.

e. Election of officials

The General Assembly approved the following composition of the Executive Committee for 2013:

- President: Bernard Bastier, Tereos
- Treasurer: Aly Rappange, Cargill
- Vice-President: Steffen Krämer, CropEnergies
- Secretary: Matthias Mundt, Euroalkohol

Other members of the Executive Committee would be: Saeed Ahmad of Ineos and Martin Burger of Abengoa.

5. The future of EtOH-REACH

Mr. Macaré gave an overview of legal requirements under REACH and an overview of possible future actions for the Association. He explained that the evaluation procedure was accelerating, even though ethanol was not directly affected so far. The Association would continue to monitor developments, as well as administer new membership and Letter of Access applications. In addition, Data Access Agreements would be managed, as well as taskforce that would assist with a possible dossier evaluation or with any support needed in the CMR classification issue.

Finally, the Association would evaluate the need for updates of the Technical Dossier and continue to support the Lead Registrant and offer a platform for other substances related to ethanol, if enough interest would exist. The Association would also review the legal requirements beyond 2018.

6. Closure of the General Assembly

Mark Macaré
The Hague, September 2013