



Chemicals in Products

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Role of NGOs

- NGOs successfully raise consumer awareness on chemicals in products and their potential impact on human health and the environment
- Good information will make consumers a driving force for creating markets for cleaner products and a cleaner process, upstream and downstream in the supply chain.

NGO concerns

- Informal market and unorganized sectors throughout the life-cycle need to be addressed
- Insufficient or no information on chemicals in products at all stages of the life-cycle



NGO concerns

- Due to a lack of transparency, consumer cannot make informed choices
- Vulnerable populations, such as children, pregnant women, workers are exposed and carry an unacceptable burden of disease
- Environmental degradation caused by toxic chemicals



NGO concerns

- Especially developing countries and economies in transition, which face a rapid development of production, use, recycling and disposal processes, are far from adequate protection of peoples health and the environment.



NGO recommendations

- Establishment of harmonized legislation is important, but should not lead to downgrading of existing standards, and should stimulate the development of national legislation in developing countries and countries with economies in transition i



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- Double standards are not acceptable
- “No data - no market” is key for assuring sufficient information along the supply chain

NGO recommendations

Transparent information is urgently needed:

- Publicly accessible database including substitutes in each CiP information system
- Mandatory labelling of all hazardous substances and guidelines for safe use and disposal
- Certification system for recycling
- International consumer awareness campaign
- EPR measures to provide information in CiP

Thank you for your attention