

CHEMICAL IN PRODUCTS SIDE EVENT OEWG



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ADVANTAGES OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Improved product safety
- Assess/evaluate environmental performance/effects
- Armed with the ability to avoid risks
- Allow governments to prioritize their chemicals management
- Respond to inquiries from stakeholders
- Facilitate promotion of best practices
- Identify adequate usage, techniques and handling
- Provide disposal options

NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

- Framework and tools to perform active surveillance of goods on the market
- Adopt international best practices
- Awareness of the issues at stake
- Occupational health and safety data
- Chemicals content, especially those which pose adverse effects on human health and the environment
- Stakeholders with greater risk need to be aware of impact on environment and human health (handlers and recyclers)
- Methodology and guidelines for dealing with some waste products
- Some waste products. hazards and risks, occupational health and safety data <this one is mentioned above already?>
- Relevant Information provided in a readily accessible and user friendly form
- Capacity building and awareness

CHALLENGES AND FIRST STEPS

- Limited capability to determine or verify product contents
- Lack of proper [sufficient?] information to make informed choices
- Inability to adequately handle disposal issues due to lack of relevant information
- Need an appropriate mechanism for harmonious work between industry and governments to provide relevant information on chemicals
- Database where information is readily available and user friendly
- Labeling and guidelines for disposal

THANK YOU