



What is the European Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, and why does it matter?

**Craig Thomson, Client Director
NCEC, Part of Ricardo**

Presenter biography

Craig is NCEC's Sales and Client Director, responsible for all of our Client engagements, implementation and overall satisfaction. He manages a business development team that puts the customer first; ensuring that we understand their business aims and strategies, risk profile and customer base, before making recommendations appropriate to the business.

He has spent the last seven years working with organizations across the world to improve both organizational resilience and overall chemical product compliance, by supporting them implement best in class, robust arrangements for chemical

emergency response within the supply chain. He also has a detailed understanding of regulations which relate to both emergency response, and global chemical supply, including the European poison center requirements which have implications from both a regulatory compliance, and an emergency response perspective.

Alongside his experience within the chemical sector, Craig also supports our sustainability and Net Zero business practices, which focus on supporting organizations understand the global challenges related to achieving Net Zero, adopt sustainable business practices, and the role of the chemical supply chain in these challenges and their solutions.

Craig is an experience speaker, having presented related topics at Product Stewardship, the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication, and the Dangerous Goods Advisory Council over the last 12 months.



Presentation abstract

In October 2021, the European Commission adopted their EU Chemical Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), which sets out the aspirations to achieve the toxic free environment announced in the European Green Deal. This, essentially, sets out the expectations of the future legislative landscape within the European Commission, which will affect all organizations putting products on the market within the region.

This presentation will unpack the CSS, and look at some key elements of the strategy to identify what the potential impact of these will be on the market. Specifically looking at the three elements which are more likely to have the greatest short term impact, we will explore the potential impacts of extending the generic risk approach, the introduction of a mixture assessment factor for chemical safety assessments, and of adding new hazards to the CLP regulations.

Finally, we'll discuss what organizations could be doing now to help manage the potential impact of these may be on those importing into the EU market, and what the timescales of any legislative change might be.

This presentation will:

- Equip you with an understand of the wider context within the European Union and the background behind the CSS
- Explore three key expected outputs from the CSS and how these may be adopted into legislation
- Discuss how organizations could potentially manage the impact of these going forward, and what they could be doing now.