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REACH: BETTER REGULATION AT RISK

Commenting on the vote of the European Parliament ENVI Committee on 4 October, UNICE is disappointed by the outcome as it is a step backwards in the strategy to cut red tape in EU draft laws and to improve their cost-effectiveness.

Better regulation will not be achieved unless a genuine risk-based approach is retained for the registration of substances, in particular for low volumes. In addition, OSOR (One Substance One Registration) would not be a reasonable system if it does not include a workable opt-out clause for confidentiality purposes. Finally, a limitation to five years for the authorisation of a chemical proved to be safe would be very bureaucratic.

UNICE will work closely with the Parliament representatives to find workable proposals ahead of the plenary vote in November.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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