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REACH: COMPANIES WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH & SAFETY OF USERS

BUSINESSEUROPE participated very actively and constructively in the shaping of REACH, the EU chemicals regulation, that comes into force today.

Now European industry will take its responsibility in turning REACH into a successful way of ensuring safe and healthy use of chemicals. The role of the new European Chemicals Agency will be key to minimise the administrative burdens and the costs of that regulation.

BUSINESSEUROPE President Ernest-Antoine Seillière said: *“Not only NGOs, but also companies want to contribute to the health and safety of users of chemicals. The system put in place is heavy and complicated, therefore we will continue to press for the most effective system at the lowest cost.”*

BUSINESSEUROPE is setting up a network of European federations and companies starting today with a kick-off meeting in Berlin, organised together with the Federation of German Industries BDI and the Bavarian Business Association. This will not only guarantee the exchange of information and best practice within industry but also to secure a consistent voice vis-à-vis authorities and policy-makers in order to achieve successful implementation of REACH.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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