

## The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions concerning the safety of food, feed and chemicals, as well as consumer health protection, on the basis of internationally recognised scientific evaluation criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

### Venue:

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment  
Lecture theatre  
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)

### HYBRID EVENT

Option to take part on-site is provided for a limited number of participants. All others will be welcomed online (Zoom).

### Directions:

<https://www.bfr.bund.de/en/location-marienfelde.html>  
Destination stop ([www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de), [www.bvg.de/en](http://www.bvg.de/en))  
"Nahmitzer Damm/Marienfelder Allee (Berlin)"

### Registration:

Please register online by 14.09.2022  
on the website of the BfR Academy  
<https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/13-bfr-user-conference.html>

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## 13<sup>th</sup> BfR User Conference on Product Notification

21 September 2022, Berlin



## 13<sup>th</sup> BfR User Conference on Product Notifications

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the appointed body for the receipt of product notifications, i. a., according to Art. 45 and Annex VIII of the Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP). The product data received is subject to advanced expert validations by the BfR. Eventually this information is provided to the seven German poison centres.

Since 1 January 2021 most of the notifications have been submitted using the *Poison Centres Notification Format* (PCN Format). This format has been in force for privately or professionally used products, classified as hazardous on the basis of their health or physical effects, for almost already two years.

The User Conference addresses all actors involved in notification processes.

- Industry (legal submitters),
- national and regional authorities and
- poison centres

in Europe, especially in Germany.

The 13<sup>th</sup> BfR User Conference will focus on the about two years of experience of all involved actors with the new format and procedure for the notifications.

We would like to give hints (and provide assistance) which may be supportive in practice for the preparation and submission of notification dossiers. Your questions and concerns, as expressed in advance shall be revisited for discussion. (Please send suggestions to [produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de](mailto:produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de).) Answers to enquires, frequently obtained by the BfR via the helpdesk for product notifications, will be presented as well.

## 21 September 2022

10:00 - 10:15 am

### **Welcome**

*Professor Dr Tanja Schwerdtle  
President of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin*

10:15 - 10:40 am

### **Introduction to the conference**

*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*

10:40 - 11:40 am

### **Product Notifications according to Article 45 CLP in Sweden**

*Lovisa Östberg  
Swedish Poisons Information Centre,  
Stockholm, Sweden*

11:40 am - 12:40 pm *Lunch Break*

12:40 - 1:30 pm

### **FAQs to the ECHA helpdesk for product notification in the PCN process - an experience report**

*Daniele Ape, Heidi Rasikari,  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA),  
Helsinki, Finland*

1:30 - 2:10 pm

### **Options for facilitated PCN notification in practice (e.g. ICGs, Standard formulas, disabling of submissions)**

*Esther Feistkorn  
BfR, Berlin*

2:10 – 2:40 pm *Coffee Break*

2:40 - 3:10 pm

### **Answers to questions to the BfR Helpdesk (FAQ)**

*Dr Ronald Keipert,  
BfR, Berlin*

3:10 - 3:40 pm

### **Role of validations rules for BfR's reasoned requests for additional information related to submissions**

*Dr Sebastian Pfeifer,  
BfR, Berlin*

3:40 - 4:00 pm

### **Conclusion and closing remarks**

*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*

Simultaneous translation German/English will be available.

**Due to the rules of conduct in the course of the corona pandemic the conference will take place as a hybrid event, on-site for a limited number of attendees and online.**