The 2017 REACH Review is an opportunity for all stakeholders to take stock after 10 years of practical experience with chemicals management. We’ve identified five key areas where the REACH Regulation can better identify and control risks from the manufacturing and use of hazardous substances and mixtures.

1. Evaluate actual exposure, to make risk management effective
   The REACH Review should encourage EU authorities to evaluate each substance’s actual exposure and risks, rather than just hazardous properties. This will lead to more targeted and effective risk management measures.

2. Recognise the RMOA tool for more effective risk management
   The REACH Review should provide legal standing to the RMOA tool as a requirement for all REACH substance assessments. This will help to identify if further risk management activities are needed, and how they should be carried out.

3. Make Authorisation specific for each substance use
   The REACH Review should allow for use-specific Authorisation. This will enable a targeted selection of the most effective risk management option for each use, preventing unnecessary collateral damage.

4. Boost the use of REACH Registration datasets in the EU and abroad
   The REACH Review should promote REACH datasets as the EU reference on chemicals information. REACH datasets provide best available data, and should be used as widely as possible.

5. Prevent duplication of Risk Management requirements
   The REACH Review should reduce overlaps with other EU EHS and product legislation, prioritising the most effective risk management measure. This will avoid unnecessary double-regulation for substances already managed under other EU legislation.

OUR CALL:
Use these 5 recommendations to make the REACH Regulation a better tool for effective risk management.