

## **FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***Survey for the International Comparison of Cumulative Regulatory Costs in the Chemical Industry***

#### **The study is led by the European Commission but my company is based in the USA, China or India. Why should I contribute?**

This study provides a unique opportunity to understand the differences in regulatory frameworks across the international chemicals market and how these affect the competitiveness of businesses operating in four key markets: the EU, US, China and India. Very little research has been undertaken in the area of regulatory costs faced by chemical industry so far. This study will provide an in-depth, comparative analysis of the regulatory landscape in each country or region, the resulting regulatory costs and associated burden on the chemical industries in different locations.

The study will provide evidence which will help you to understand how the regulatory burden on your industry compares to your current international competitors and those operating in potential new markets. You will also be able to consider how the burden facing your business compares to the average in your industry and location.

The survey is voluntary, but we would like as many people as possible to take part. The higher the response rate, the more meaningful the results will be. The survey is your opportunity to tell us what you think about the regulatory framework applying in your country and to participate in an innovative study seeking to push forward understanding in this area. Note that if you do not complete the survey your views will not be represented.

#### **Who is eligible to take part in the survey?**

We encourage all global companies that fit the following criteria to participate:

- You have production activities in EU, China, India or the US.; and
- You also have production activities in at least one other country from the list above.

#### **Who is running the survey?**

The study has been commissioned by the European Commission and is being undertaken by a consortium of private consultancy firms led by Technopolis Group, in partnership with Ricardo Energy & Environment and Reach24H. Visit their websites to find out more: [Technopolis Group](#), [Ricardo Energy & Environment](#), [Reach24h Consulting Group](#)

#### **What will the survey ask me?**

As an organisation within the US chemicals industry, the survey will ask your opinion on a broad range of issues relevant to regulatory costs, drivers to regulatory costs, and associated benefits with your operations in the US.

#### **How long will it take to complete?**

The majority of questions involve simply ticking a box. Only the section on cost assessment may require you to dig into your company background data. However, figures provided do not need to be accurate – your best estimate is enough. Further, the consultancy team will be on hand to guide you through the questionnaire and clarify any questions so you can fill it out as quickly as possible.

#### **Who is the most suitable person to fill in the questionnaire?**

We encourage the following profiles to take part in the survey:

- Regulatory Affairs Managers, Technical Managers
- Plants & Site Managers (Environmental legislation – Energy legislation Industrial emissions)

- Health Safety and Environment Managers (Environmental legislation – Workers Protection)
- Energy Managers (Energy & Climate legislation)
- Product Stewardship Managers
- Controllers (Overall costs of legislation)

Please feel free to circulate to the relevant stakeholders/colleagues.

### **When will we find out about the results?**

The final report will be published after summer 2017.

### **How can I be certain that my feedback will remain confidential?**

The following measures are being implemented to ensure your data and opinion remain confidential:

- The identity of individuals/companies taking part in the survey will not be disclosed as part of any deliverable/public document.
- Neither the European Commission, your own authorities nor any individual outside the core consultancy team will have access to individual/company responses, raw data or information that could be traced back to individuals/companies.
- Results will be anonymised and will not be produced for groups of fewer than 3 respondents;
- We have prepared a confidentiality agreement covering your answers and feedback which can be put in place if required. We take responsibility for ensuring that individual/company identity and responses are not disclosed at any time.
- Completed hard copy questionnaires will be stored securely by the consultancy team and will be shredded after a year.

### **Who should I contact if I have a query about the survey or need help completing it?**

Technopolis Group can be contacted on +32 474 55 28 68. The helpdesk is there to answer any queries you have about taking part in the survey or about why and how it is being carried out. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence and no calls are recorded.

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