

# Workshop: PMT and vPvM substances under REACH

Voluntary measures and regulatory options to protect the sources of drinking water in Berlin, 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

# Welcome to day 2

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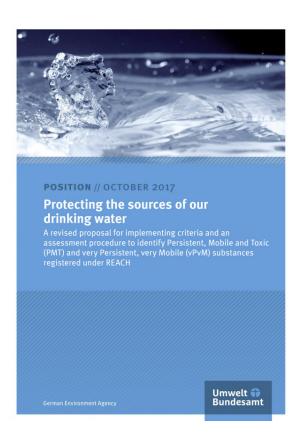
## Our aim: protecting the provision of drinking water

- Our ground- and drinking water need the highest level of protection
- Sustainable Development Goal 6.3: "by 2030 to improve water quality by reducing pollution [...] and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals"
- EU drinking water directive: "to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water"
- EU groundwater directive: "groundwater [...] as such should be protected from [...] chemical pollution."
- EU water companies' memorandum:
   "Nobody has a right to pollute water bodies"



#### This workshop is part of the ongoing second consultation

- The revised proposal ("second version") was published in October 2017
- As of today we have received over 30 written comments
- This workshop is the final step in the ongoing second consultation
- We will also take the discussion here in Berlin into account
- The revised ("third") version of our proposal will be made available by May 2018



#### Discussion Starter I "How to establish?"

- How could the PMT and vPvM criteria
   be established under REACH?
- Will CARACAL or MSC establish the PMT and vPvM criteria?
- Should there be new criteria under Article 57 of REACH?
- Should there be new criteria for classification under harmonised CLP?



# 2006 EU chemical regulation REACH enters into force

- Aim of REACH: The safe use of chemicals
  - **High level of protection** for human health and the environment
  - Precautionary principle
  - **Substitution** of critical substances and critical uses
- New role for industry
  - Assessment of the risk
  - Identification of hazardous substance properties
  - Communication within the supply chain about safe uses
- New role for authorities & ECHA
  - **Supporting** industry with guidelines, tools and methods
  - Identification of those substances and uses that require a regulation
  - Initiation of necessary regulatory measures

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of CHemicals

Enters into force on 18.12.2006

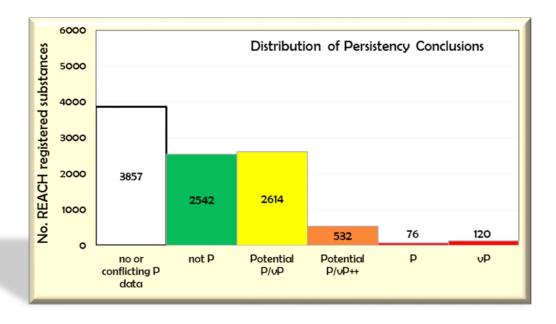
Substitute previous individual chemical laws

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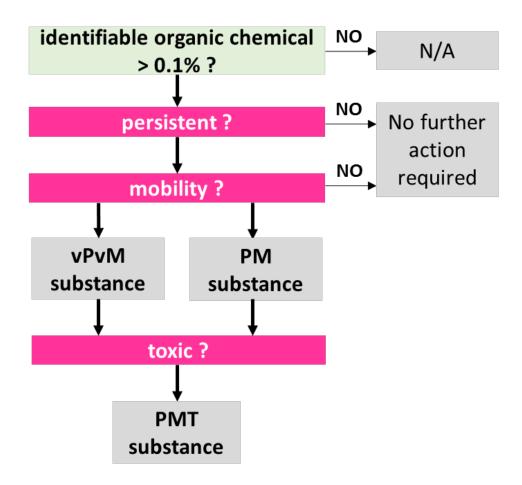
#### We propose a two step approach

- Identify all PMT and vPvM substances during registration under REACH
- Registration data are used to carry out an accurate PMT or vPvM assessment.

#### STEP 1: COMPARISON WITH THE PMT AND VPVM CRITERIA



## Step 1: Comparison with the PMT and vPvM criteria



#### Project 2016: Application of the proposed criteria

- UBA funded Research Project No 74925 (Berger et al. 2018)
- First time ever potential PMT substances under REACH were identified
- Assessment of P<sub>water</sub>, M and T of 167 REACH registered substances
  - 9 substances assessed as P<sub>water</sub>MT substances
  - 20 substances assessed as P<sub>water</sub>M substances with suspected T
  - 93 suspected P<sub>water</sub>MT substances were identified

P <sub>water</sub>	64					69						11	23						
M	29		31		4	28		37			1	3	11	7		16			
Т	9	20	2	27	2	4	12	16	7	29	1	1	3	11	4	3	2	13	1

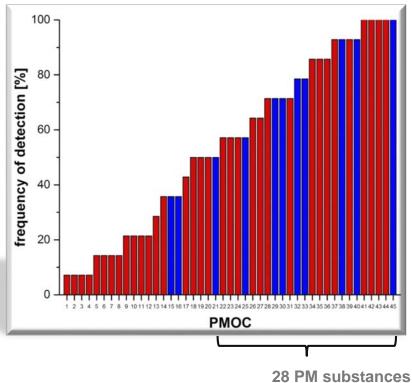
# Application of the proposed criteria

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- 9 substances assessed as P<sub>water</sub>MT substances

ID	CAS No.	EC No.	Substance name	Emission ranking
1	107-06-2	203-458-1	1,2-Dichloroethan	1
2	127-18-4	204-825-9	Tetrachloroethene	4
3	79-01-6	201-167-4	Trichloroethene	10
4	123-30-8	204-616-2	4-Aminophenol	37
5	288-88-0	206-022-9	1,2,4-Triazole	51
6	123-91-1	204-661-8	1,4-Dioxane	52
7	1671-49-4	430-550-0	4-Mesyl-2-nitrotoluene	88
8	87-62-7	201-758-7	2,6-Dimethylaniline	137
9	2896-70-0	220-778-7	2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinooxy	145

#### **Proof of Concept: New Monitoring data**

- 14 water samples analysed by EU project PROMOTE
- 65% PM substances (45 of 70 analysed) detected
- Majority "novel" PM substances

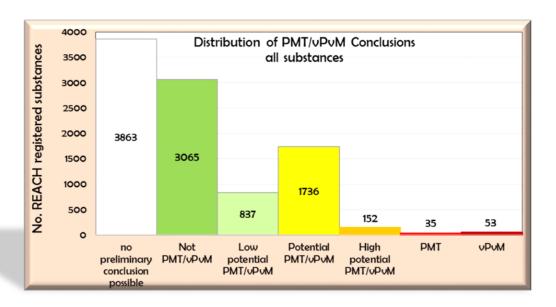




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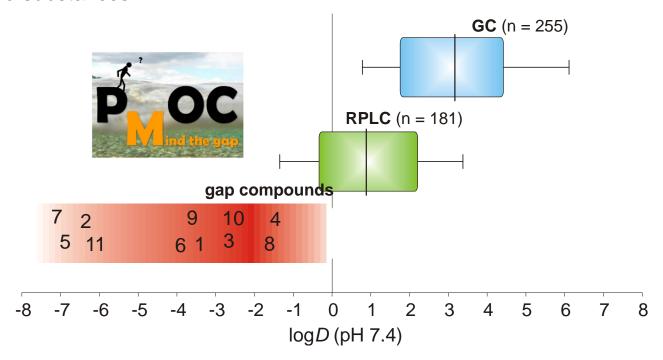
#### Project 2018: Application of the proposed criteria

- UBA funded Research Project No FKZ 3716 67 416 0
- Assessment of P, M and T of all (May 2017)
   REACH registered substances
  - 210 substances assessed as PMT
  - 30 substances assessed as vPvM (not PMT)



#### The Analytical Gap for mobile (polar) compounds

Monitored substances



1: AMPA, 2: Paraquat, 3: Cyanuric acid, 4: DMS, 5: Diquat, 6: 5-Fluorouracil,

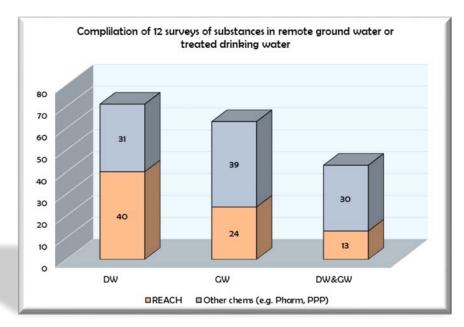
7: Glyphosate, 8: Melamine, 9: Metformin, 10: Perfluoroacetic acid, 11: EDTA

Reemtsma et al. (2016) Environ. Sci Technol. 50, 10308-10315



#### Proof of Concept: Existing Monitoring data

- NGI performed a literature survey: groundwater (GW) and drinking water (DW)
- Already today at least 77 REACH-registered substances were detected in Europe
- 55% (42 of 77) are confirmed or potential persistent and mobile (PM substances)
- the remaining are all either
  just P or just M,
  with large production volumes and
  emission likelyhood
  (via uses within or outside of REACH)



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#### STEP 1: COMPARISON WITH THE PMT AND VPVM CRITERIA

#### **STEP 2: EMISSION CHARACTERIZATION**

- Minimize emissions into the environment
  - Risk Mitigation Measures (RMM)
  - Safer alternatives
- Only if voluntary measures are not effectively protecting the sources of drinking water, regulatory instruments would need to be applied

#### Discussion Starter II "How to make use?"

- How to deal with identified PMT and vPvM substances?
- How to minimize their emissions?
- Which Risk Mitigation Measures (RMM) may be applied?
- Are safer alternatives available?



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## Substances of very high concern (SVHC)

Article 57 of REACH defines the criteria for

#### **Substances of very high concern** (SVHC)

- carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxic substances (CMR)
- persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substances (PBT)
- very persistent, very bioaccumulative substances (vPvB)
- equivalent level of concern
  - Substances with **endocrine** disrupting properties
  - Sensitisers
  - PBT-like



#### Regulatory options 1/2

- Authorization regime following the "equivalent level of concern" criteria referred to in Article 57 (f) of REACH:
  - Both PBT/vPvB and PMT/vPvM substances
    - persist in the environment and survive the route of transport and of exposure to humans, to remote areas and to pristine environments
  - main difference is their pathways of exposure and transport
    - For PBT/vPvB substances, human and animal exposure is primarily via the diet, as these substances transport and accumulate via the food chain and biota.
    - For PMT/vPvM substances, exposure is primarily through water sources, as these substances transport with and recirculate and enrich within the water cycle, accumulate in remote water sources, and thereby could contaminate the sources of drinking water.

#### Regulatory options 2/2

- Identification as substance of very high concern (SVHC)
   following the Article 57 (f) is a case by case decision
- If PMT criteria are agreed on within the member state competent authorities (MSCAs), the German MSCA intends to propose the first PMT substances for candidate listing as SVHC in 2018.
- Second regulatory instrument could be the restriction of critical uses under REACH

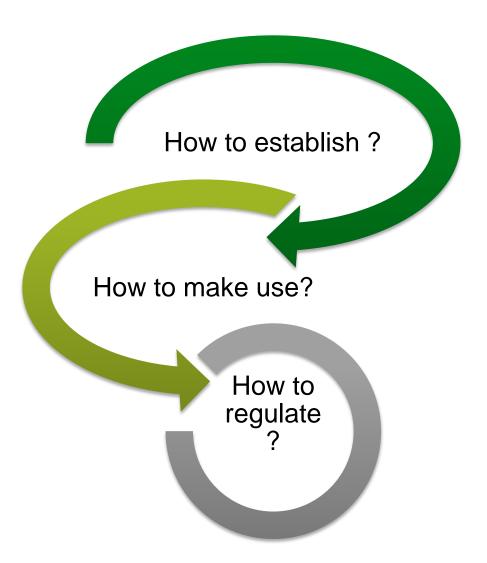
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#### Discussion Starter III "How to regulate?"

- What are the regulatory options for PMT and vPvM substances?
- What is the way forward under the EU chemical legislation REACH?



#### Discussion starter



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# We are looking forward to day two

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