

## The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

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### Venue:

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

ONLINE ONLY

For attendees the ability to ask questions is given by a chat. The speakers or organiser will answer the questions via live-stream.

### Registration:

Please register online by 31 October 2020 on the website of the BfR Academy:

<https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/11-bfr-user-conference.html>

The access information for the online conference will be announced on the website in time.

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GERMAN FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR RISK ASSESSMENT

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

3 November 2020, Berlin

Online Conference



Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung

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The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the appointed body for the receipt and processing of product notifications used in the event of emergency health response in German Poison Centres (PC) according to Art. 45 Regulation (EG) No 1272/2008 (CLP). Since April 2019 the BfR accepts product notifications in European harmonized Poison Centres Notification format (PCN format) according Annex VIII CLP Regulation. The BfR checks product notifications and provides these information to the eight German PC. Most notifications have been submitted via the ECHA submission portal of the European chemicals agency (ECHA).

Starting from 1 January 2021 the PCN format will be the only accepted format for the most notifiable products. At the conference, the BfR provides insight and a forum to discuss how the new procedure is currently being implemented.

The User Conference addresses all actors of the PCN procedure, such as

- Industry (legal submitters),
- National and regional authorities and
- Poison Centres

in Europe, especially in Germany.

This year the BfR receives a rising number of requests about the new submission procedure. Therefore, beside the introduction of new solutions to submit very flexible formulas, practical questions about the PCN are in focus of the BfR User Conference 2020. Topic proposals send to [produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de](mailto:produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de) are appreciated.

**Based on the rules of conduct related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be held exclusively online.**

## 3 November 2020

10:00–10:10 am

### **Welcome**

*Prof. Dr Dr Andreas Hensel, President of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin*

10:10–10:20 am

### **Introduction to the conference (incl. technical hints)**

*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*

10:20–10:50 am

### **Basic information about the PCN procedure for product notifications**

*Esther Feistkorn  
BfR, Berlin*

10:50–11:30 am

### **Experiences of the BfR with product notifications in the PCN format**

*Kathrin Begemann  
BfR, Berlin*

11:30 am–12:30 pm *Lunch Break*

12:30–2:00 pm

### **FAQ**

*Nicolaj Heuer  
Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Dortmund  
Dr Sebastian Pfeifer,  
BfR, Berlin*

12:35–1:05 pm

### **Who is responsible and which products must be notified according Art. 45 CLP regulation?**

1:05–1:25 pm

### **Selected frequently asked questions (FAQ)**

1:25–2:00 pm

### **Discussion (live and chat)**

2:00–2:30 pm *Coffee Break*

2:30–3:15 pm

**Product notification of very variable mixtures**  
*Kathrin Begemann, Esther Feistkorn  
BfR, Berlin*

### **ICG – Interchangeable Component Group**

### **Standard Formulas**

### **Fuels**

### **Bespoke Paints**

### **Discussion (live and chat)**

3:15–3:30 pm

**Concluding and closing words**  
*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*