



EU Consultation: Hazardous chemicals – prohibiting production for export of chemicals banned in the European Union

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Fecc acknowledges the consultation on **Hazardous chemicals – prohibiting production for export of chemicals banned in the European Union** ([link](#)) and welcomes the opportunity to provide input. In this consultation we would like to raise the following points:

- 1. Fecc supports the legislative initiative** that aims to introduce a mechanism prohibiting production and/or export of certain hazardous chemicals that are banned in the EU – to protect non-EU countries from their negative effects on human health and the environment. The consistency between internal and external policies should be achieved in order to improve the international standing of the EU, strengthening the credibility of our values and actions and most importantly improving protection of human health and the environment globally.
- 2. Each legislative action should focus on risk assessment on health and environment.** The hazard classification of a chemical substance is intrinsically driven by its structure, and some of them do play an essential use in the functioning of society, health, etc.
- 3. The holistic approach to the subject with harmonization and internationalization of the action should be foreseen to raise awareness.** In developing countries often the use of hazardous chemicals is not properly regulated, and they can be misused. It poses a severe risk to health, safety, and the environment.

Fecc is the association that represents chemical, food and active pharmaceutical ingredients distributors, most of which are SMEs. We believe that sustainability and an integral regulatory framework go hand-in-hand. We would be happy to engage further with the Commission to pursue sustainable, environment friendly and safe solutions in this area.

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