



# Global Pressures on Chemical Users

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# Outline

- **Reflections on substitution**
- **Global pressures on chemical users**
- **Priority substances lists**
- **Conclusions**



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# The Substitution Dilemma

**How to react to  
priority chemicals,  
without jumping  
from the frying pan  
into the fire?**



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# Global Pressure: Suppliers

- Try to defend existing substances, uses?
- Supply chain interruption?
- Increasing SVHC costs?
- Possible competitor or source of safer solutions?



# Global Pressure: Customers



- Professional users
- Household consumers
- Duty to inform (art. 33)
- Notification for SVHCs in articles (art. 7)

# Customers (cont.): Retail



World's largest retailer  
US\$375 billion sales  
7,250 stores

***“Provide to our customers affordable  
and effective products where all  
chemical ingredients are preferred for  
Mother, Child and the Environment”***



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# Global Pressures: Investors



- Shareholder resolutions on chemicals (2006-08):
  - 2: Chemical makers
  - 10: Product makers
  - 16: Retailers
  - 28: Total
- Competitive advantage: who wins, who loses?

# Investors (cont.): Innovest Report

**Innovest**  
STRATEGIC VALUE ADVISORS

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**REACH: Risks and Strategic Opportunities**  
September 2008

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**KEY ISSUES FOR STRATEGIC INVESTORS**

- » Analysis of the financial implications of REACH for 73 chemical companies. Innovest has made use of specific data allowing us to identify risks to the chemical sector related to European Chemicals Regulation (REACH). Our analysis indicates that for about 15% of these companies, the potential impact of the regulation would be about 2% of annual sales, assuming that the ChemSec SIN list is adopted in its entirety. Affected companies include Lanxess and Cliba. Company specific details are located on page 13.
- » Inks and dyes, polymer manufacturers, and agchem sector to see higher costs. We anticipate that companies with operations in these sectors may face value deterioration due to higher costs. Plastics manufacturers could see a ~1.5% to 3% impact on value.
- » Qualitative analysis benchmarks REACH-readiness in the chemicals sector: Innovest benchmarked REACH management strategies, risk exposure, and strategic profit opportunities for 73 chemical companies highlighting prospects to curb risk through preemptive strategy and market potential for viable alternatives.

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- Assess financial risks, opportunities for SVHCs
- Comparative rating of 73 global chemical companies
- Information for analysts, institutional investors



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# Global Pressures: Policy?

- Most policy pressures national/EU, not global
  - Canadian environmental protection act
  - Kid-safe products act (Maine)
  - Green chemistry legislation? (California)
  - Kid-safe chemicals act? (US proposal)
- Result: a patchwork of different approaches, all searching for priority chemicals



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# **RoHS Directive**

**Lead**

**6 + ?**

**Mercury**

**Cadmium**

**Hexavalent chromium (Cr<sub>6+</sub>)**

**Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB)**

**Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE)**



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# Stockholm POPs Convention

The “Dirty Dozen”

~~Aldrin~~imated/Under review

~~Chlordane~~E

~~Dieldrin~~econe

~~Dip~~Tane

~~E~~ndobromobiphenyl (HBB)

~~Penta~~chlorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)

~~Hexa~~Benzene (HCB)

~~Mono~~chlorocyclohexane ( $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - HCH)

~~Poly~~chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

~~Bis~~chlorobiphenyl chlorofluorocarbons (SCCPs)

~~Poly~~chlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs/CDD)

~~Exo~~phthalic acid

12 +



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# OSPAR List

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[1,1'-bianthracene]-9,9',10,10'-tetrone, 4,4'-diamino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,2'-diol, 5,5'-dichloro  
[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine, 3,3'-dichloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-diamine, N,N'-bis(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-3,3'-dimethoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol, 3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl, 2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-decabromo-1,1'-biphenyl, 2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-decachloro-1,1'-biphenyl, 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexachloro-1,1'-biphenyl, 2,2',4,4'-tetrachloro-1,1'-biphenyl, 2,4,4'-trichloro-1,1'-biphenyl, 4-bromo-2-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl, chlorinated  
1,1'-biphenyl, hexabromo-1,1'-biphenyl, nonachloro-1,2,3-trichlorobenzene  
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-methylpropyl) ester  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, butyl phenylmethyl ester  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, dibutyl ester  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, diisooctyl ester  
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, dioctyl ester  
1,2-Ethanedisulfonic acid, compd. with 2-chloro-10-[3-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)propyl]-10H-phenothiazine (1:1)  
1,3,4-metheno-1H-cyclobuta[cd]pentalene, 1,1a,2,2,3,3a,4,5,5,5a,5b,6-dodecachlorooctahydro-1,3,4-metheno-2H-cyclobuta(cd)pentalen-2-one, 1,1a,3,3a,4,5,5,5a,5b,6-decachlorooctahydro-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione, 1,3,5-tris(2,3-dibromopropyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-trione, 1,3,5-tris(2-isocyanatomethyl)phenyl-



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# Priority Lists for better or worse?

- The value of priority lists:  
focusing attention
- The danger of priority:  
red but no green?



# Looking for direction



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# Needed: REACH Candidate List

- Prompt listing of chemicals that meet REACH criteria
- Market signal for safer alternatives
- Robust implementation of disclosure, authorisation requirements
- An input to a global list of SVHCs



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# Steering clear of hazards



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# Conclusions

- Pressures are global, so are solutions
- Priority lists can focus attention, align conflicting demands
- Info urgently needed on alternative chemicals, other solutions
- Knowledge essential to markets for green chemistry, products
- Substitute the worst, but not blindly



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