

Challenges when entering the EU and guidance to chemical management

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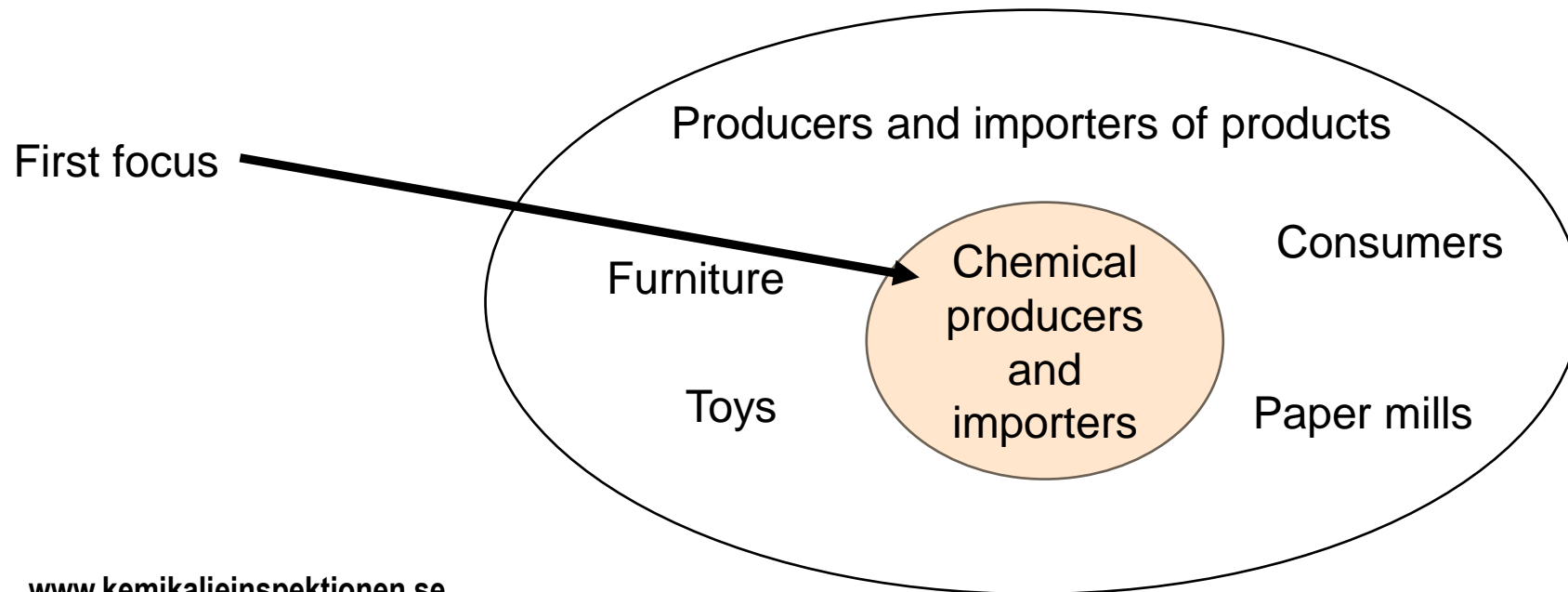
Entering the EU – What is most important?

Experience from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland,
Croatia, Serbia and Albania

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Five examples of challenges

1. All companies affected by the rules and regulations must comply with them. Chemicals legislation affects many companies in many sectors making it a challenge to communicate and for the companies to comply.



2. The work does not end when the legal acts are published, there must be implementation and follow up and this requires institutional capacity in the relevant government bodies. With resources always scarce there is a challenge to get the resources needed.

How do you know that a law works?

3. There has been a rapid development of EU chemicals legislation since the last accession of new member states, this makes it more challenging for candidate countries to approximate their chemicals legislation to the EU acquis.

4. Many processes within chemicals control in the EU are centralized (for example authorization of biocidal products/plant protection products, registration under REACH, authorization under REACH) where candidate countries cannot be part, this makes it more challenging to approximate the national systems to EU.

5. Many stakeholders not just those directly involved in chemicals legislation, both in the private sector and in the public sector need to be made aware of their (and other's) obligations and the requirements of an extensive and technically demanding legislation. Just to achieve this is a major undertaking.

Questions?

Part 2

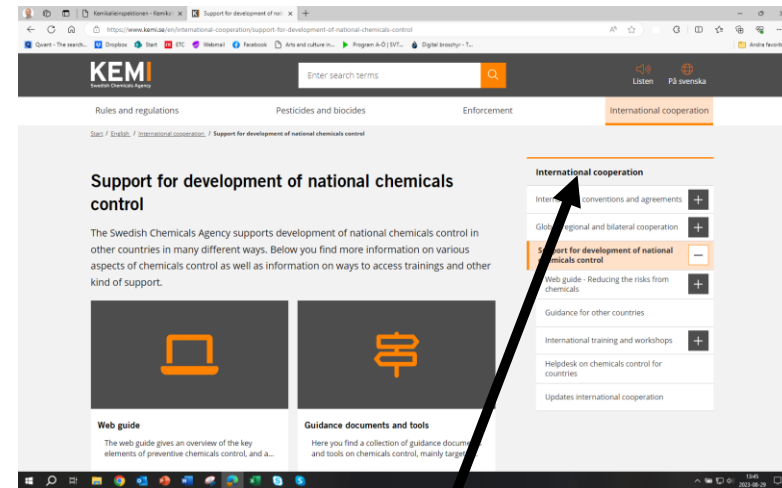
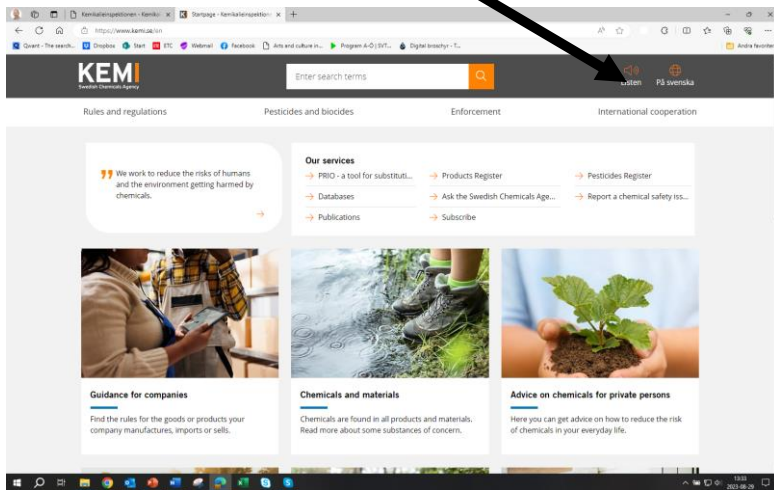
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Guidance!



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Legislation on chemicals placed on the
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PFASs in chemical products and textiles



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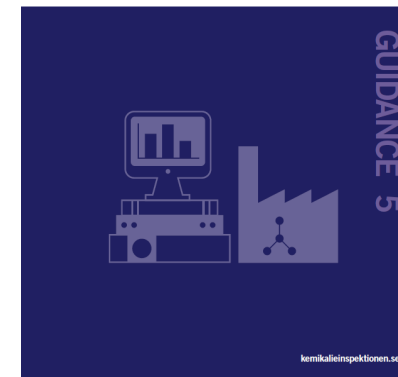
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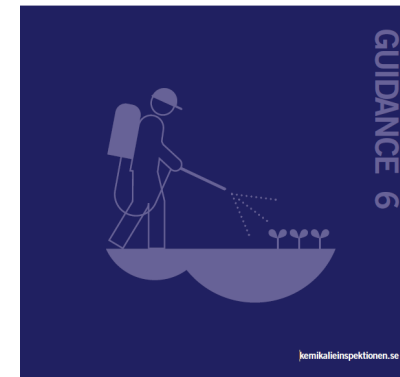
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Legislation and Financing



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Risk reduction and Enforcement



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Helpdesk

[Helpdesk on chemicals control for countries – Kemikalieinspektionen](#)

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The Swedish Chemicals Agency - Kemi

- Central authority for chemicals control under the Swedish government (Ministry of the Environment)
- Founded in 1986
- Located in Sundbyberg
- Staff: about 290 people (chemists, (eco)toxicologists, legal advisers, administration)



- On-line consultations
 - Participation in webinars
 - Arrange visits
 - Translation of documents
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- Example – Supported Uganda in the development of a chemical law

More help

- International Training program on chemicals control – New courses plan to start in 2025
- Workshops
- On-line courses (In cooperation with UNITAR)
- Bilateral or regional development projects – New projects can be developed depending on interest and political decisions
- Newsletter, sign-up!

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Questions?

Thank you!

