



Supply Chain Chemical Management

Overview

Supply Chain Chemical Management Practical Case Studies - Amsterdam Meeting increasing legal requirements and external pressures on chemicals constitute a big part of companies' sustainability efforts. The main challenge is to find ways to effectively address chemical management in the supply chain. Producers often struggle with local legislation and lack the manpower or expertise to handle requirements. Join this session to hear practical company examples, and learn how FTA Sustainability services, particularly BEPI, can support you.

Speakers:

Moderator: **Anouschka Jansen**, Environmental Specialist – BEPI

- **Catherine Beare**, Director EMEA - Supplier Management – Intertek
- **Anna Vetsch**, Project Manager Sustainability – Choop
- **Rachel Wallace**, Programme Project Manager – ZDHC

Session Highlights

- Chemical management should go beyond tier 2 and be part of supply chain management
- A lack of technical knowledge is observed (on mill level) as well as a lack of standard tools
- Responsible people show different levels of expertise and communication on chemical management
- Pressure of Greenpeace speed up the process
- Similar speed and message of communication as well as collaboration are needed regardless of experience of brands, retailer or suppliers
- What message should be given to intermediate (importer, agent) and what information do you need?
- In-house and factory trainings as well as identification of chemical experts within factory are important as a first step
- Cost for brands, retailers and suppliers have to be taken into consideration
- Local chemical companies must be part of collaboration
- Reach out to local suppliers to ensure not only big brands work on these issues

- Distinction between pressure for basic requirements versus focus on more expensive alternative chemicals
- We are on a journey to communication, we need positive stories
- ZDHC provides the practical tools to achieve Greenpeace Detox' targets and implement

Quotes

- **Catherine Beare:** 'Audit is not the solution but part of the process'
- **Anna Vetsch:** 'For the future it is very important to have a common tool set and language', 'chemical management is part of our corporate responsibility no matter what the end consumer thinks'
- **Rachel Wallace:** 'Collaboration is key'