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New European Chemicals Agency has started operations

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The new European chemicals regulation REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restrictions of CHemicals) enters into force today, and with it the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) starts operations in Helsinki. The Agency will become fully operational by 1 June 2008 when companies begin with the on-line submission of pre-registrations and registration dossiers on chemical substances.



The Chemicals Agency will play a key role in the effective implementation of REACH, helping to deliver improved health, and environmental conditions while at the same time maintaining competitiveness and encouraging innovation. The valuable support from Finland in the establishment of the Agency in Helsinki is much appreciated.

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