

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name** *Mel Cooke BSc, MSc, PhD, CChem MRSC*  
**Current Position** *Director, Alchemy Compliance Ltd.*  
2001–present

**Company Profile** Alchemy Compliance is a regulatory consultancy that helps businesses to get their chemical products to the market, and keeps their current activity in compliance. Our intelligence also helps companies develop strategies for future developments. We have an international client base, and draw on eleven years of regulatory experience on a contract basis, which means we have a particularly broad knowledge and can tackle most issues. The company is particularly active in chemical legislation (including REACH), biocides, cosmetic safety assessments, safety data sheets, classification and labelling, and risk assessment.

**Previous Position** *Deputy Head of Registration Services*  
1998–2001 Safeparm Laboratories Limited. Safeparm is a contract research facility with a regulatory department of twelve staff. I was Head of Section specialising in biocidal products, new and existing chemicals programmes, and an advisor on endocrine disrupting chemicals, organic chemistry and biodegradation.

**Previous Experience**  
1995–1998 *Registration Officer*  
Safeparm Laboratories Limited  
1990–1995 *Editor of chemistry research journals*  
Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge,  
and Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart.  
1986 Industrial placement in the research laboratories of Ciba-Geigy, Basel, Switzerland.

### Education and Training

April 2006 Safety Assessment of Cosmetics in the EU, Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
1986–1989 PhD at the University of Leicester (organic chemistry–pharmacology)  
1984–1985 MSc at the University of Sheffield (organic chemistry)  
1981–1984 BSc at the University of Sheffield (chemistry)

### Professional Memberships

Royal Society of Chemistry (CChem, MRSC).  
Member of the Council of the Chemical Hazards Communication Society (CHCS).  
Member of the Standing Committee on Hazard Information and Packaging (SCHIP) Classification and Labelling Panel, hosted by the UK Health and Safety Executive.  
Member of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHS; US based professional society)  
Member of the Society of Cosmetic Scientists.

## Publications

Interview on BBC Radio Scotland and website publication concerning the release of divinylbenzene from the Grangemouth Port; 22 August 2006.

Mel Cooke, *Clean up your labels* (report on CLEEN enforcement of labelling), Speciality Chemicals, Vol. 24 No. 9, October 2004, p 46.

Mel Cooke, GHS and REACH, Pharma Chem, B5srl, October 2003, p 58

Derek Knight and Mel Cooke, *Regulation of Biocides*, in Practical Guide to Chemical Safety Testing, D J Knight and M B Thomas (eds), Rapra Technology Ltd., 2003.

Mel Cooke, Doors Close on Biocides, Chimica Oggi (Chemistry Today), March/April 2003, p 41–44.

Mel Cooke, *SMEs and the EU White Paper*, PharmaChem, July/August 2002; Regulatory Review, Vol. 5, Issue 6, p 27.

Mel Cooke, *European Review of Biocides*, PharmaChem, B5srl, June 2002, p 48–50.

Mel Cooke, *The Road from Rio* (article on the Johannesburg Summit), Speciality Chemicals, dmgworld media, June 2002, p 54.

Mel Cooke, *An Update on the CHIP Regulations Governing Chemical Supply*, The Regulatory Review, June 2002, p 18.

Derek Knight and Mel Cooke (eds), *Biocides: On Target*, Chemistry in Britain, Royal Society of Chemistry, Volume 38, Number 5, May 2002, p 26–29.

*The Biocides Business: Regulation, Safety and Applications*, Edited by D J Knight and Mel Cooke, Wiley-VCH, 2002.

Mel Cooke, *Poison Arrow* (article on structure-activity relationships in hazard identification), Speciality Chemicals, dmgworld media, April 2002, p 43.

Mel Cooke, *Biocides Update*, Chemistry Today, Teknoscienze, March/April 2002, p 32 (Alchemy Compliance company profile p 36).

Mel Cooke, *BPD Brought up to Date*, Speciality Chemicals, dmgworld media, March 2002, p 30.

*Chemical Hazard – The Missing Truth*, Chemistry and Industry, Number 18, 18 September 2000, p 605; Speciality Chemicals, October 2000, p 314; Chimica Oggi (Chemistry Today), May 2001 p.30; and the Regulatory Review, September 2000, p 24.

*Muscles from Brussels* (Dioxin Contamination), The Regulatory Review, November 1999, p 18.

*Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals – A New Challenge*, Speciality Chemicals, September 1998, p 288 and The Regulatory Review, October 1998, p 19.

## Conferences/Meetings Highlights

Global Regulations for Cosmetics; speaker on *How Should the Cosmetic Industry Prepare for REACH?*; Pira; 8, 9 November 2006, Prague.

Introduction to Risk Assessments for Chemicals and Biocides; speaker on *Predicting the Environmental Concentration*; IBC; 25 September 2006, Amsterdam.

Chair and organiser for *Application of Structure-Activity Relationships to Chemical Safety*, CHCS seminar, 1 March 2006, Annesley, UK

Notification of Chemicals Outside the EU, Speaker on *Chemical Control in Switzerland*, CHCS seminar, 19 Nov, 2003, Derby, UK.

Chair and organiser for *Globally Harmonised System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals*, CHCS seminars, 4 Sep and 14 Nov 2003, SCI, London.

Chemical Supply Regulation; Speaker on the *Globally Harmonised System*, UKAP Good Regulation and Competitiveness Sector Event, LGC, Runcorn, June 2003.

Cosmetic Microbiology, Speaker on *The Impact of the Biocidal Products Directive on the Cosmetics Industry*, Society of Cosmetic Scientists Spring Symposium, Leeds, May 2003.

International Chemical Agents Conference 2003, Speaker on *IT Tools for Regulatory Compliance, SDS Authoring, and Risk Assessment*, DTC, Elsinore, Denmark, May 2003.

Regulations in the Chemicals Industry 2002, Speaker on *Recent Changes to the Chemical Supply Legislation in the EU*, IBC, London, October 2002.

National Household Hazardous Waste Forum, Spring Meeting, Speaker on *CHIP 3 – Implications for the Manufacturers, Retailers and Consumers*, Redditch Borough Council, 16 April, 2002.

Thirteenth SIDS Initial Assessment Meeting (SIAM 13), presented a chemical as part of the ICCA HPV programme, 6–9 November 2001, Berne, Switzerland.

*Die Biozid Produkt Richtlinie*, Fresenius-Konferenz, March 2001, Darmstadt.

Organised and chaired ‘*Investigating Product Safety Using In Vitro and Estimation Methods*,’ February 2001, Derby

*Registration of Agrochemicals in Europe*, IBC, October 2000 and September 1999, London

*Die Neue Biozid Produkte Richtlinie und die Auswirkungen auf Ihr Unternehmen*, Fresenius-Konferenz, February 2000, Darmstadt.

*Preparing for Changes in Chemical Control in 2000* (speaker), Charles Simeons Conferences, November 1999, London

*Endocrine Disruptors in the Environment: The Analytical Challenge* (speaker), October 1999 Warrington

Chemical Right-to-Know Workshop, US EPA, December 1998, Washington, USA

*Ecotoxicology and Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals* (speaker), IBC, November 1998, London

1st International Conference on Children’s Health and the Environment, August 1998, Amsterdam

*Endocrine Disruptors in the Environment*, IBC, London, May 1998.

*Notification Procedure for New Substances*, Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz, April 1997 and August 1995, Dortmund, Germany.