
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 16 years of regulatory experience on a contract basis, which means we have a particularly broad knowledge and can tackle most issues relating to chemical legislation, particularly REACH, safety data sheets, classification and labelling, and risk assessment.

Education and Training

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).

Publications

The Impact of the Changes in Classification; Hazard Information and Packaging Special Report no 163; Mel Cooke; Issue 163; P 1–8; Croner; July 2011; .

CLP: Health and Environmental Classification of Substances; Hazard Information and Packaging Special Report; Mel Cooke and Desmond Waight; Issue 156; P 1–8; Croner; August 2010.

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Author of two chapters, *Chemical Safety Assessment for REACH* and *Classification and Labelling of Chemical Products under REACH*; in Essential Guide to REACH; Croner, 2009.

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

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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

Chair and organiser for *Extended Safety Data Sheets*; CHCS seminar, 22 June 2011; Coventry, UK.

ChemSpec Europe; speaker on, *The EU Classification and Labelling Regulation: Essential Guide*; 18 June 2009; Barcelona.

Natural and Organic Cosmetics; speaker on *European Regulations for Natural and Organic Cosmetics*; Pira; 9-11 December 2008, London.

How to REACH; speaker on *Extended MSDSs*; British Occupational Hygiene Society; 21 March 2007, Norwich; repeated 31 October 2007, Liverpool.

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.

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

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

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