

Scienced-based Advocacy - Case Studies

Challenge of C&L proposal

ToxMinds consultants have substantial experience in determining the appropriate classification & labelling of chemical substances and mixtures in line with the EU Dangerous Substance Directive (67/548/EEC), Dangerous Preparation Directive (1999/45/EC) and also the new EU Regulation (EC) 1272/2008, the so-called CLP Regulation based on available scientific data and evidence. In context of a commodity material that has been proposed for entry into Annex I via the 31st ATP by the former ECB C&L committee, ToxMinds pointed out the scientific flaws in the classification proposal to the regulators in charge leading to a wider recognition of the overall scientific issue and, from our clients point of view, to a withdrawal of the onerous classification proposal from the 31st ATP.

Advocacy support to consumer products under external pressure

ToxMinds has been supporting and advising the scientific external relation programme of a global consumer product company whose main product categories were subject to public discussion on potential human health effects. Our work involved the analysis of the scientific basis of the claims on potential health impacts and the identification and evaluation of possible response strategies. For external use, we developed for our client and the broader industry association position papers illustrating that the health allegations with the consumer products in question were not sustainable based on current state-of-the art scientific knowledge. Subsequently, ToxMinds presented on behalf of the industry its scientific views in discussions with the European Commission, individual EU Member States as well as non-governmental organizations leading to a rationalization of the debate.