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PAGE 2: Section I - Identification

Q1: Please provide the following details (*compulsory):

Organisation*:

Country*:

Belgium

Contact name:

Q2: Received contributions may be published on the Commission's website, with the identity of the contributor. Please state your preference with regard to the publication of your contribution:

Respondent skipped this question

Q3: We might need to contact you to clarify some of your answers. Please state your preference below:

I am available to be contacted

Q4: Did your organisation participate in the online survey (undertaken by RPA/BiPRO for the European Commission in early 2014) on the administrative burden of the notification schemes?

No

PAGE 3: Section II - Organisation Information

Q5: Please indicate which of the following applies to you or your members (tick all that apply):

a) has to notify to the French Notification System

,

c) is a manufacturer of nanomaterials

Q6: Please indicate the four-digit NACE code of your primary and secondary business sector (if applicable). If you require information regarding NACE codes, please visit the European Commission Competition webpage at http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/index/nace_all.html

Primary business sector (NACE 4 digit code):

20.130

Secondary business sector (NACE 4 digit code):

46.751

Q7: Please indicate the number of employees.

10-49 employees

Q8: Please indicate the approximate annual turnover of your organisation and the annual turnover which relates to nano-related products (where these include nanomaterials as well as mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials).

Annual turnover

€10m to €50m

Nano-related annual turnover

€10m to €50m

Q9: Please indicate the number of nano-related products (where these include nanomaterials as well as mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials) that you place on the national market.

Nanomaterials 6 to 10

Q10: Please indicate the number of nano-related products (where these include nanomaterials as well as mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials) that you place on the EU market.

Nanomaterials 6 to 10

Q11: Please indicate the number of nano-related products (where these include nanomaterials as well as mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials) that you place on the global market.

Nanomaterials 6 to 10

Q12: Please indicate the number of customers and, if applicable, number of suppliers for all your nano-related products combined (where these include nanomaterials as well as mixtures and articles containing nanomaterials).

Number of customers more than 100

Number of suppliers less than 6

PAGE 4: Section III – Problem definition and objectives

Q13: Please rate the importance of the following objectives on a scale between 1 (not important at all) and 5 (very important).

a) Provide decision makers, regulatory authorities and professional users with information that allows for an appropriate response to health or environmental risks of nanomaterials 5

b) Provide consumers with relevant information on products containing nanomaterials on the market 3

c) Maintain competitiveness and innovation of businesses bringing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials to the market (including SMEs) 5

d) Ensure consumer trust in products containing nanomaterials 5

e) Ensure the availability of relevant information on the presence of nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials on the market 2

f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden. 4

g) Protect confidential business information 5

Please provide additional comments Nanomaterials should be treated like any other material. Legislation should be based on scientific evidence.

Q14: To what degree (from 1 - not at all to 5 - fully) does the current legislative framework (including the REACH and CLP Regulations and product-specific legislation) and the currently available databases (including the JRC web platform, see http://ihcp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/our_databases/web-platform-on-nanomaterials) meet the following objectives?

a) Provide decision makers, regulatory authorities and professional users with information that allows for an appropriate response to health or environmental risks of nanomaterials	4
b) Provide consumers with relevant information on products containing nanomaterials on the market	2
c) Maintain competitiveness and innovation of businesses bringing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials to the market (including SMEs)	Do not know
d) Ensure consumer trust in products containing nanomaterials	Do not know
e) Ensure the availability of relevant information on the presence of nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials on the market	3
f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden.	3
g) Protect confidential business information	3
Please provide additional comments	Most consumer are probably not aware of REACH and CLP Regulations. Consumer information and administration of nanomaterials will have to be organised by distinct organs.

Q15: To what extent do you agree with the following statements from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree):

a) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is insufficient for an adequate response to health and environmental risks	1
b) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is insufficient for informed consumer choice	2
c) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is detrimental to consumer trust	2
d) The available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is presented in an incoherent or ineffective way	2
e) The establishment of national registries and notification schemes causes market fragmentation and hampers trade within the internal market	5
Please provide additional comments	Customers should be informed about Risks and not the presence or not of nanomaterial. Risk assessments over the entire life-cycle of a material should be the base for customer information.

PAGE 5: Section IV – Health and environmental aspects

Q16: With regard to health and environmental hazards and risks of specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials, please tick the relevant boxes:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q17: With regard to the past and current use of nanomaterials (tick the relevant box):	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q18: The establishment of an EU nanomaterial registry (tick the relevant box):	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 6: Section V – Consumer trust

Q19: In case information on the presence of nanomaterials in your products were made available, what impact do you think this would have on your clients? (Please tick all that would apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q20: Do you believe that the public availability of information on the presence of nanomaterials in products would be likely to...(choose one of the following answers)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 7: Section VI - Innovation and competitiveness

Q21: With regard to innovation, do you believe that information on nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials that could be gathered in a nanomaterial registry would...(choose one of the following answers) *Respondent skipped this question*

Q22: With regard to competitiveness of EU companies manufacturing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials, do you believe that information on nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials that could be gathered in a nanomaterial registry would...(tick all that apply) *Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 8: Section VII – Possible impact of a registry on your company/members of your association

Q23: Overall, how would a possible obligation to notify nanomaterials at the EU level affect your company/the members of your association, assuming that no exemptions were to be made from 1 (no impact) to 5 (significant impact): *Respondent skipped this question*

Q24: Would disclosure of the notified information conflict with the confidentiality of business information? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q25: Do you experience or expect any significant barriers for your company/members of your association from diverging registration obligations in the schemes in France/Belgium/Denmark? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q26: Is the market for your nanomaterials/products containing nanomaterials significantly different from Member State to Member State? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q27: In case the European Commission were to recommend a best practice model for national notification schemes based on the experiences in France, Belgium and Denmark, which elements of these systems can be considered as “best practice”? *Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 9: Section VIII – Possible options and exemptions

Q28: What would be the added value of a notification per use (i.e. for each mixture/article) compared to a notification per substance? – Please consider the usefulness of the information for public authorities, downstream user companies, workers and consumers. *Respondent skipped this question*

Q29: Which actors along the supply chain should be subject to notification requirements? (tick all that apply): *Respondent skipped this question*

Q30: The following should be subject to notification requirements (tick all that apply): *Respondent skipped this question*

Q31: Is there a need to exempt certain types of nanomaterials? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q32: Is there a need to exempt certain uses of nanomaterials? *Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 10: Section IX – Nanomaterials Observatory

Q33: If a Nanomaterials Observatory is established instead of an EU-wide registry, what type of information should be collected? (please tick all that apply) *Respondent skipped this question*

Q34: How should the information in a Nanomaterials Observatory be presented in order to reach the consumers, workers and authorities? *Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 11: Section X - Potential use and benefits of a nanomaterial registry

Q35: In what ways could the information on nanomaterials from registries be potentially useful (tick all that apply): *Respondent skipped this question*

Q36: Please give a justification for your views (presented in the previous question) and describe which data would be necessary to allow the desired use (e.g. would information on substances alone be enough for informed consumer purchase decisions, or would this require information for each concerned product): *Respondent skipped this question*

Q37: What would be the added value of a European nanomaterial registry beyond the current framework of chemicals legislation, including REACH registration? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q38: Please provide any other comments that you would like to share regarding transparency measures for nanomaterials on the market. *Respondent skipped this question*