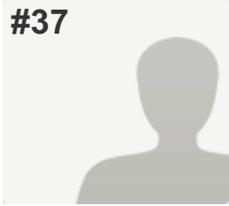


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PAGE 2: Section I - Identification

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

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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:

My contribution may be published under the name indicated

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?

Do not know

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
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- c) is a manufacturer of nanomaterials,
- d) is an importer of nanomaterials,
- e) is a formulator of mixtures containing nanomaterials
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- f) is a manufacturer of articles containing nanomaterials without intended release
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- h) is a distributor of nanomaterials and/or mixtures containing 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 Manufacture of chemicals and chemicals products
Secondary business sector (NACE 4 digit code):	20 1 2 Manufacture of dyes and pigments

Q7: Please indicate the number of employees. *Respondent skipped this question*

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). *Respondent skipped this question*

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. *Respondent skipped this question*

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. *Respondent skipped this question*

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. *Respondent skipped this question*

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). *Respondent skipped this question*

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

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| 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 | 1 |
| 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 | 3 |
| f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden. | 5 |
| g) Protect confidential business information | 5 |

Please provide additional comments

NMs should be regarded as any other substance. Providing to consumers information on products containing NMs that are placed on the market could lead to stigmatisation of NM, with a negative effect on consumer trust, even if safe use is demonstrated by the implementation of the relevant existing regulations (REACH or sector-specific legislation).

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	5
b) Provide consumers with relevant information on products containing nanomaterials on the market	4
c) Maintain competitiveness and innovation of businesses bringing nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials to the market (including SMEs)	2
d) Ensure consumer trust in products containing nanomaterials	2
e) Ensure the availability of relevant information on the presence of nanomaterials or products containing nanomaterials on the market	4
f) Ensure the proportionality of the information requirements and the associated costs and administrative burden.	2
g) Protect confidential business information	1
Please provide additional comments	A good implementation of the current European legislative framework (REACH & product-specific- regulations) could increase consumer trust. To maintain competitiveness and innovation is essential.

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

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| 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 | 3 |
| c) The current level of available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is detrimental to consumer trust | 3 |
| d) The available information on the presence of nanomaterials and products containing nanomaterials on the market is presented in an incoherent or ineffective way | 3 |
| e) The establishment of national registries and notification schemes causes market fragmentation and hampers trade within the internal market | 5 |

Please provide additional comments

The adequate response to health and environment risks is not linked to the information on the presence of NMs in products but to an effective and reliable risk assessment carried out for the whole life-cycle of the substance (as foreseen by REACH and product-specific regulations).

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 am aware of health and/or environmental hazards of specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

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I am aware of specific nanomaterials that are classified as hazardous under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

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I am aware of DNELs/PNECs/OELs set for specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

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I am not aware of any significant exposure of workers/users/consumers to specific nanomaterials/types of nanomaterials

Q17: With regard to the past and current use of nanomaterials (tick the relevant box):

I am not aware of any health and/or environmental incidents which have occurred

Q18: The establishment of an EU nanomaterial registry (tick the relevant box):

Would not significantly contribute to reducing the health and/or environmental risks related to the use of nanomaterials

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If appropriate, please explain further:
An EU register will not reduce the risk; the implementation of the existing regulatory framework is certainly doing it.

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)

b) They would try to avoid those products,

c) Their purchasing decisions would not be affected

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Please explain: Both situations can occurred

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)

c) generate insecurity or stigmatise such products, and thus have a negative effect on the market for the concerned products

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)

c) hamper innovation in the EU (e.g. through concerns about confidential business information or through additional costs related to providing information)

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Comments:
Such a registry system would have negative impact on business developments and location of R&D activities.

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)

e) hamper intra-EU competitiveness,

f) hamper the competitiveness of European companies against extra-EU companies

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):

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| a) with respect to nanomaterials on their own | 5 |
| b) with respect to nanomaterials in mixtures | 5 |
| c) with respect to articles with intended release of the nanomaterials | 1 |
| d) with respect to articles containing nanomaterials in general (i.e. in case also articles without an intended release of nanomaterials were to be covered) | 1 |

Q24: Would disclosure of the notified information conflict with the confidentiality of business information?

Yes, there would be a conflict with business information confidentiality

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?

Yes, we foresee significant barriers,
If yes, please describe these barriers?
Diverging notification obligations increase the workload for companies and add complexity

Q26: Is the market for your nanomaterials/products containing nanomaterials significantly different from Member State to Member State?

No, there is not any significant difference in the national markets for our products

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”?

Use of the same nanomaterial definition
Protection of Confidential Business Information

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.

Sufficient regulations already exist (cosmetic regulation, food information/regulation, REACH, biocides, CLP...); notification per use will not add value

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

Please explain:
Actors can only be defined once the goals of the scheme clearly established

Q30: The following should be subject to notification requirements (tick all that apply):

Please explain: See above answer to question 2

Q31: Is there a need to exempt certain types of nanomaterials?

Yes, certain types of nanomaterials should be exempted from a notification system

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If yes, which types should be exempted and why? (in terms of specific properties, available knowledge, absence of hazards, etc.)
All NMs registered/notified under existing legislation (REACH, biocides, cosmetics...) should be exempted.

Q32: Is there a need to exempt certain uses of nanomaterials?

Yes, certain uses of nanomaterials should be exempted from a notification system

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If yes, which uses should be exempted and why? (in terms of specific exposure scenarios, available knowledge, absence of hazards, etc.)
Uses covered by sectoral legislation and uses leading to no exposure as well should be exempted

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)

f) Other (please explain):
sufficient information is provided by existing regulations

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

Through REACH dissemination database

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):

No significant advantage versus administrative burden, confidentiality issues and negative impact on economy

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

No added value identified so far

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

Need for a clear definition of NMs and for suitable and commonly available measuring methods as well.