

EU Law and Endocrine Disruptors



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Introduction to ClientEarth

- ClientEarth is a non-profit environmental law organisation
- We use the power of law to tackle key environmental challenges, including chemical pollution
- We work on climate change, energy, environmental justice, biodiversity, forests and human health

Duty to regulate endocrine disruptors

- Health and environment issue:
preventive action needed urgently
- Duty to act:
 - Treaty on the functioning of the EU
 - 7th Environment Action Programme (2013)
 - Council Conclusions (2016)

EU chemical legislation

Two steps approach:

- 1. Identification** of the problem: the dangerous intrinsic properties of a chemical
- 2. Management** of the problem: decision whether to take a risk on behalf of citizens and the environment

Identification



Classification, Labelling & Packaging Regulation

HARMONISED
CLASSIFICATION
« Carcinogen 1B »

Management

REACH

SVHC?
Authorisation
?
Restriction?

Pesticides

NO
APPROVAL
(derogations)

Biocides

NO
APPROVAL
(derogations)

Medical
devices

RESTRICTED
(derogations)

Cosmetics

PROHIBITED
(derogations)

Toys

PROHIBITED
(derogations)





Identification

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Endocrine disruptor as
« substance of very high concern »

**Endocrine
disruptor**

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Medical
devices

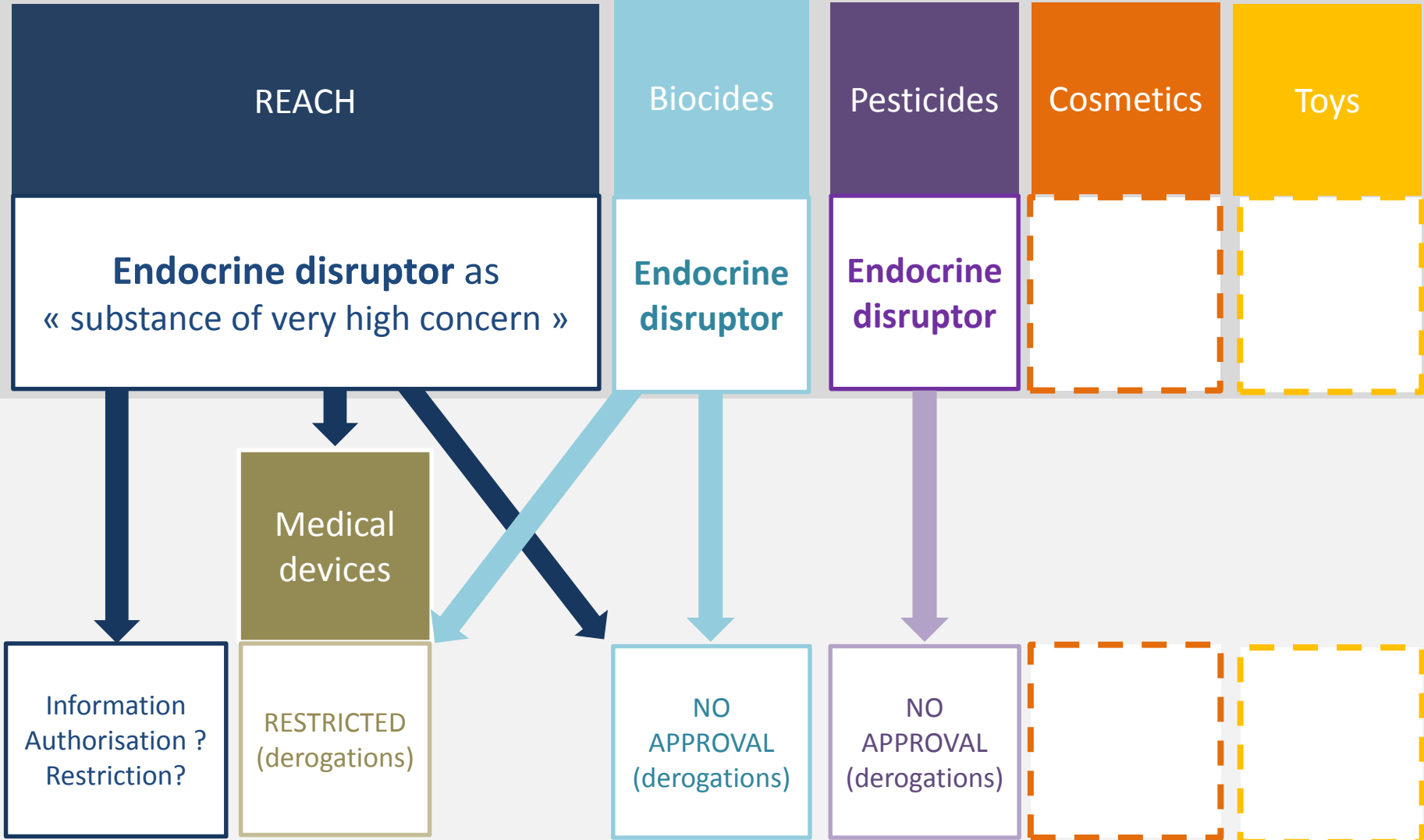
Information
Authorisation ?
Restriction?

RESTRICTED
(derogations)

NO
APPROVAL
(derogations)

NO
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Management



Endocrine disruptors: regulatory needs

1. Identification of endocrine disruptors: need for **harmonised and horizontal** approach
2. Management of the problem: need to fill **the wide and numerous gaps**

Deliverables

7th Environment Action Programme

- By the end of 2018:
 - ☐ Non-toxic environment strategy to ensure in particular the minimisation of exposure to endocrine disruptors
- By 2020:
 - ☐ Harmonised hazard-based criteria to identify endocrine disruptors
 - ☐ All substances with endocrine-disrupting properties are placed on the REACH candidate list

Thank you

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