Masterclass on India's Chemical Regulatory Landscape: Industry-Government Synergy and Regional Perspectives

Date: Tuesday 24th June, 2025
Time: 14:00 – 14:45
Modality: Hybrid
Co-organized by: The Regulatory Representatives & Managers Association (RRMA), the Asian Chemicals Forum (ACF), and the Global Product Compliance Group (GPC).

Context

This event contributes to Strategic Objective A of the GFC by promoting national-level implementation frameworks and regional harmonization and catalysing advancing cooperation between government bodies, industry leaders, and international organizations working on chemicals management. It will result in a summary brief capturing key takeaways and an action plan to support further regional collaboration.

With a special focus on India's DRAFT Chemicals Management and Safety Rules (CMSR), also referred to as "India REACH," the session will introduce ACF as a platform for regional engagement and knowledge exchange, examine India's experience in establishing a comprehensive chemicals regulatory framework, and compare it with other developing economies.

Background Documents (Click to Access)

- India REACH (DRAFT CMSR)
- UNITAR GHS Case Studies
- Regulatory status and summaries of G20 countries - G20 report

Session Objectives

This workshop aims to foster dialogue and cooperation around the development and implementation of national and regional chemicals legislation. Interactive, case-based discussions will highlight policy innovations and foster shared recommendations for strengthening chemicals governance across the Asian region and globally. Participants will gain insights into practical challenges, innovative solutions, and opportunities for alignment with global standards.

Agenda

	Program
	Welcome & Introduction to ACF Brief introduction to session, objectives and format. Introduce the Asian Chemicals Forum (ACF) as a regional engagement platform. **Moderator: RRMA**
	India's Regulatory Landscape: Challenges & Progress Case Study: India's current chemical regulatory framework and the proposed DRAFT CMSR ("India REACH"). Dialogue between government, industry, and international actors on common challenges and solutions. **Speaker: GPC**
	International insights: open for participants learning. **Case Studies from other developing countries.** Compare India's experience with other developing countries to identify key learnings. **Moderator: RRMA**
	Group Discussions and Q&A
	Closing Summary of key points discussed

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Key Speakers

Shisher Kumra

Shisher Kumra is a member of the Governing Council of the Regulatory Representatives and Managers Association (RRMA), and the Head of the Secretariat of RRMA, which takes care of administrative tasks. Shisher is an environmental law and policy expert with 28 years of experience in the areas of cleaner production, cleaner technology, sustainability management, support chemical policy and regulation, circular economy, regulatory representation, and setting up compliance management systems and developing related tools for effective and efficient support to its clients. Shisher is the founder and CEO of Global Product Compliance (GPC) group, through which he has supported the global compliance excellence efforts of 1500+ corporations. He has studied at Vikram University in Ujjain, India and Lund University in Lund, Sweden. He has a degree in chemical safety and environmental engineering, a master's degree in environmental pollution prevention, and a master's degree in environmental management and policy.

Vaibhav Diwan

Vaibhav Diwan is a member of the Governing Council of the Regulatory Representatives and Managers Association (RRMA) and the General Manager – Growth at Global Product Compliance (GPC) group. He is a leading professional in the global chemical regulatory space. Starting with REACH and REACH-like regulations in the chemicals sectors, he has ventured into establishing regulatory compliance as an opportunity for business growth in the chemicals sector and related sectors. He is working with the senior management of multinational companies, helping them grow across the global market space by strategically addressing compliance challenges. As a General Manager at the GPC group (Sweden), he is enabling a multidimensional approach, from change management to business development and customer management. He also works with academic and non-profit organizations on relevant projects that push the state of the art in regulatory research, policy, and experimental bottlenecks. Academically, he is trained in biotechnology, molecular biology and microbiology, and holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science.