

Invitation for Professionals – Colloque

# Toys and hazardous chemicals : exploring solutions

REACH and the substitution of chemicals of concern: consumer protection, good practices and incentive measures

Thursday 18th November 2010, 9 am – 5 pm

Pavillon de l'eau, 77 avenue de Versailles, 75016 Paris, accès Métro 10 : Javel, Mirabeau ou Eglise d'Auteuil

Among the speakers :

**Corinne Lepage**, MEP, former Minister

**Dr. Annie Sasco**, Cancer epidemiologist, INSERM

**Jakub Kosisnki**, DG Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission

**Wolfgang Döring**, Biologist, SpielGut label

**Marie-Jeanne Husset**, Director "60 millions de consommateurs"

Playing is one of children's favorite activities. It is crucial that toys are safe for children. And yet the presence of hazardous chemicals in toys is a point of concern for the general public. Despite the commitment of the European toy industry for safer toys, the massive 2007 recalls of toys as well as their top-ranking among RAPEX notified products invite to explore ways of improving toys safety.

## Objectives of the symposium :

- **Understand** what is at stake and the health risks related to certain chemicals of concern present in toys,
- **Explore** the European regulation and the situation regarding toy safety in Europe, as well as incentive measures
- **Spread** and support good practices, innovative and substitution measures in toys manufacturing process

WECF invites you to share your views with various stakeholders : scientists, manufacturers, test laboratories, certification bodies, public authorities, consumer protection associations, NGOs. **Please inform of your participation at the latest at 30th October**



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