

## The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions concerning the safety of food, feed and chemicals, as well as consumer health protection, on the basis of internationally recognised scientific evaluation criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

### Venue:

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment  
Lecture Hall  
Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)

### HYBRID EVENT

There will be the possibility to take part on-site for a restricted number of participants. All others will be welcomed online (Zoom).

### Directions:

[www.bfr.bund.de/en/location-marienfelde.html](http://www.bfr.bund.de/en/location-marienfelde.html)  
Destination stop ([www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de), [www.bvg.de/en](http://www.bvg.de/en))  
"Nahmitzer Damm/Marienfelder Allee (Berlin)"

### Registration:

<https://www.bfr-akademie.de/english/events/12-bfr-user-conference.html>

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## 12<sup>th</sup> BfR User Conference on Product Notifications

15 November 2021, Berlin



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Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung

## 12<sup>th</sup> BfR User Conference on Product Notifications

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the appointed body for the receipt and processing of product notifications used in the event of emergency health response in German Poison Centres (PC) according to Art. 45 Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP). Since April 2019 the BfR has received about one million product notifications in the European harmonised Poison Centres Notification (PCN) format according to Annex VIII of the CLP Regulation. The received notification data are subject to expert validation carried out at BfR. Eventually this information is provided to the seven German PC. Most notifications have been submitted via the submission portal of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

On 1 January 2021 the Poison Centre Notification has become the primary process and the associated PCN format the only acceptable format for the submissions of information on hazardous products for emergency health response. At the conference, the BfR would like to give an overview on the implementation status of the new procedure and discuss associated issues.

The User Conference addresses all actors of the PCN procedure, such as

- Industry (legal submitters),
- National and regional authorities and
- Poison Centres

in Europe, especially in Germany.

This year's BfR User Conference will focus on the experience the BfR and industry have made related to the PCN procedure. In this context practical questions on the notification process shall come up for discussion. In addition, the Unique Formula Identifier (UFI) campaign of the ECHA, which is supported in particular by the BfR, will be presented.

Suggestions on discussion topics may sent to [produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de](mailto:produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de) in advance to the event.

## 15 November 2021

10:00 - 10:15 am

### **Welcome**

*Prof. Dr Dr Andreas Hensel, President of the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin*

10:15 - 10:45 am

### **Current Experience with Product Notifications for Medical Health Response**

*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*

10:45 - 11:45 am

### **Product Notifications according to Article 45 CLP in Norway**

*Mette Ekeland  
Norwegian Poison Information Centre,  
Oslo, Norway*

11:45 am - 12:45 pm *Lunch Break*

12:45 - 1:30 pm

### **ECHA's Communication, technical and practical Support for Companies for Product Notification in the PCN Process**

*Daniele Ape  
European Chemicals Agency (ECHA),  
Helsinki, Finland*

1:30 - 2:15 pm

### **ECHA's UFI Campaign**

*Heidi Rasikari  
ECHA, Helsinki, Finland*

2:15 - 2:45 pm *Coffee Break*

2:45 - 4:00 pm

### **Thousand Questions on the PCN Procedure to the BfR – an Upshot (FAQ)**

*Dr Ronald Keipert, Esther Feistkorn,  
Dr Sebastian Pfeifer,  
BfR, Berlin*

4:00 - 4:15 pm

### **Concluding and closing words**

*Dr Herbert Desel  
BfR, Berlin*

Simultaneous translation German/English will be available.

**Due to the rules of conduct in the course of the corona pandemic the conference will take place as a hybrid event, on-site for a limited number of attendees and online.**