

Responsible Care – Global Charter – Product Stewardship – GPS – REACH

- ✓ Responsible Care
- ✓ Global Charter
- ✓ Product Stewardship
- ✓ Global Product Strategy
- ✓ REACH

Building the jigsaw

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What is Responsible Care?

Responsible Care® is the global chemical industry's environmental, health and safety (EHS) initiative to drive continuous improvement in performance. It achieves this objective by meeting and going beyond legislative and regulatory compliance, and by adopting cooperative and voluntary initiatives with government and other stakeholders. Responsible Care is both an ethic and a commitment that seeks to build confidence and trust in an industry that is essential to improving living standards and the quality of life.

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The Global Charter

Responsible Care has been launched for 22 years

- The enthusiasm of the inception has slackened
- New challenges have arisen (e.g. product stewardship, sustainable development)

It has been implemented in 52 countries

- Specific local developments detrimental to the global consistency of the programme

In order to cope with these difficulties,
a WG of CEOs drew up the Global Charter : nine key elements

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Product Stewardship

Key elements n°5 & 6:

5 - Enhance the Management of Chemical Products Worldwide – Product Stewardship

The ICCA will establish a strengthened global programme to evaluate and manage chemical-related risks and benefits by developing a unified product stewardship management system approach. This approach will be in place by 2006

- **Global Product Strategy.**

6 - Champion and facilitate the extension of Responsible Care along the chemical industry's value chain.

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Global Product Strategy

GPS provides key support for the product stewardship pillar of Responsible Care:

a multilevel initiative to improve the global chemical industry's product stewardship throughout the value chain.

Key components : 9 core strategies with concrete actions

- ✓ Guidelines for product stewardship and make information more transparent
- ✓ A tiered process for completing risk characterisation and risk management
- ✓ Develop a management system approach for PS
- ✓ Focusing on working directly with downstream customers
- ✓ Potential partnership with IGOs

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Global Product Strategy

Commitment by national chemical associations and their members

Full implementation by 2018

It will help to face new and ongoing threats to our businesses and products such as mandatory substitution and building trust.

Concerning this last target, we can consider that we have failed, at least in Europe; we could not put a stop to REACH.

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GPS – GC: Born together

RC GC & GPS were launched together in Dubai in Feb. 2006 under the umbrella of Responsible Care.

Twin initiatives

→ GPS cannot be dissociated from RC

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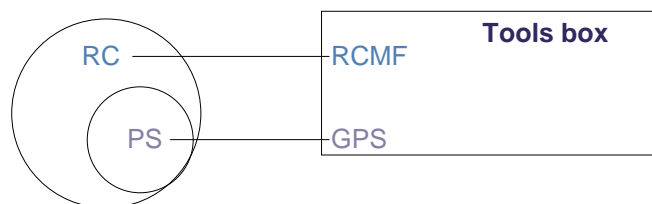


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GPS is a tool



**GPS =
Global Product Strategy or
Global ProductStewardship?**

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**PS: a national programme developed
by NA**

**UIC has been implementing its own PS system since 1999
around 10 principles**

- ✓ **A management approach**
- ✓ **Continuous improvement is not enough highlighted**
- ✓ **Metrics should be developed**

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**How does REACH take place in the
jigsaw?**

A lot of questions are raised:

Is REACH a GPS “killer”?

Is GPS “soluble” in REACH?

Is REACH better than GPS?

Is GPS better than REACH?

If I implement GPS, will I be ready for REACH?

I cannot implement GPS because I'm bogged in REACH

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And the main question

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REACH = GPS

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I do not think so!

REACH	GPS
Mandatory	Voluntary
Not flexible	Flexible
No subsidiarity	Implemented by national associations and companies
Several thousands of pages (regulation + RIPs)	40 pages at most
Extremely detailed	Limited to principles
Mixed risks and hazards based approach	Risks approach
Thresholds depending on quantities & hazards	Tiered approach

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I do not think so! (2)

REACH	GPS
Mandatory data collection ("No data, no market")	Data collection if relevant
Preregistration of all the existing substances	Partnership with IGOs
	Information available to the public
	Advocacy
Authorization process distinct from registration process	
Target date = 2018 (Registration)	Target date = 2018 (Risks characterization)

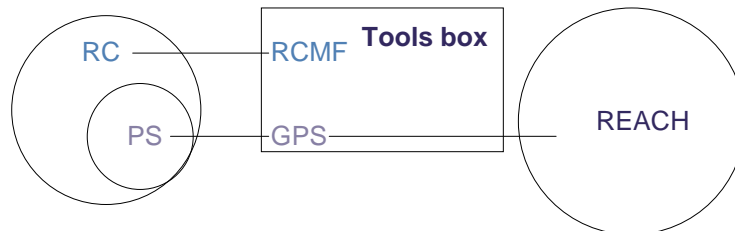
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GPS, a tool for REACH



**If I have gathered the necessary data to
implement GPS, I have the data to implement
REACH (and vice-versa)**

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Is the jigsaw achieved?

If the pieces do not yet fit exactly, I can see at least how
to avoid:


- ✓ Doing twice the same job
- ✓ Forgetting an important step

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Thank you for your kind attention

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