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Summary of Presentation

Mr. Walter Kahlenborn began the proceedings with a presentation on the REACH Chemical Policy and what steps the Indian enterprises exporting to the EU must take in order to continue their exports. His detailed presentation included the general background on REACH, its scope, the various procedures involved in REACH like Pre-registration, Registration and Authorization and finally the steps to be taken by the exporters supplying to the EU. He dwelled at length about the substances that would be covered under REACH, substances exempted under REACH, steps that the EU exporters should take to comply with the REACH chemical policy and also clarified the concept of the “only representative” that will have to be appointed by the companies that are not based in Europe to perform the important functions of Pre-registration and Registration. In conclusion, he gave a step by step guidance on the procedures to be followed by the companies to prepare for meeting the challenges that the REACH chemical policy would impose on them when it would become a law, in all probability, in the year 2007.