

IOA Conference 2018 - International Conference in Lausanne 5-7 September, Switzerland

The IOA conference with the theme of "Ozone & Advanced Oxidation - Solutions for Emerging Pollutants of Concern to Water & Environment" attracted well over international 100 ozone experts discussing about the current state of knowledge and latest advances regarding ozone treatment processes.



Mr. Paolini, chairman of EurO₃zon, presented at the conference in Lausanne a key note lecture about the biocidal products regulation and REACH regulation and the relevance for ozone treatment - "A tour through the European Regulations for ozone treatment".

He presented a review and outlook about both regulations in the EU. Furthermore he provided a status update on the progress of the active substance dossier currently being under review.

The conference paper and presentation can be downloaded from the EurO₃zon website. The audience and attendees throughout the conference were well interested and were engaging in a discussion about the topic. Please find below some of those questions that were raised:

Q: "Are other chemicals also regulated under REACH and BPR?"

A: "Yes this legislations is actually a regulation concerning chemicals and ozone is also one of many substances falling under the scope of this EU law."

Q: "Where is the regulation in force?"

A: "The regulation is in force in the EU regions and associated departments. The biocidal products regulation and REACH regulation is concerning the 'bringing' to the EU-market.

Q: "Is ozone qualifying as a 'non regulated intermediate substance' under REACH regulation?"

A: "This aspect has been investigated by EurO₃zon, including the consultation of ECHA. However ozone cannot be classified as an intermediate product, as this would only qualify for chemical reactions involving ozone. However, the resulting end product would be the subjected for REACH registration. Ozone in water treatment is intentionally produced for water treatment and brought to the EU market. Thus depending on the annual tonnage produced is falling in the scope of REACH".