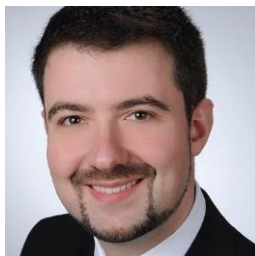


**Protecting Trade Secrets Around the World:
How to Deal with Confidential Business Information, Part 2, European Union**

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Presenter biography

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Presentation abstract

This presentation gives an overview about the regulatory situation concerning confidential business information (CBI) / trade secrets in the EU, focusing on industrial chemicals. Relevant regulatory backgrounds are presented (Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (REACH), Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 (CLP), as well as the new Trade Secrets Directive (EU) 2016/943). The resultant possibilities that chemical manufacturers, importers or registrants can choose to protect their CBI in the EU are described. Furthermore, a selection of case rationales is presented, to convey an idea of how the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) decides whether a request for confidentiality will be accepted or refused. The process of dissemination by ECHA (making select registration data publicly available over the internet) is explained, and the presentation is concluded with some practical advice for registrants, along with useful internet-links.