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Ahead of the Curve

In the emerging field of nanotechnology, Steptoe supports its clients in their efforts to harvest the possibility of the revolutionary advances and tremendous benefits of these new technologies while guaranteeing that the health and environmental impact of nanomaterials is properly understood and controlled. We work to ensure that the safety of workers, safety within the industrial chain, safety of final consumers, and impact on the environment is always considered. The fast-paced and ever-changing environment of nanotechnologies has led to national and international regulatory initiatives that Steptoe helps our clients navigate. As regulators strive to enforce new requirements, we work with our clients to devise voluntary schemes that ensure compliance without stifling innovation or creating obstacles that inhibit bringing new products to market. Our roots in the chemical industry, through our well-established Environment practice, assist us in representing companies in emerging sciences on a myriad of issues:

- REACH/CLP and TSCA
- Patent prosecution and trade secret protection
- Trademark and copyright strategies
- Product stewardship and liability
- Litigation
- International trade policy
- Insurance and reinsurance coverage
- Government relations
- New market entry
- Export controls
- Antitrust and competition
- Customs

Global Thought Leadership

Steptoe is committed to assisting our clients with cost-effective, innovative and practical solutions to compliance matters by utilizing the full resources of our firm. Our offices around the world work together, providing clients with a

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multi-practice, integrated team of lawyers and scientists that are well connected to the industry and relevant regulatory bodies.

Our Nanotechnologies practice is led by Dr. Anna Gergely, who is based in our Brussels office and is a champion of industry cooperation for a favorable regulatory environment for innovation. Under her direction, Steptoe has developed a wealth of experience, including:

- Ensuring compliance of nanomaterials and nanotechnology-enabled products with REACH and FIFRA specifically and all other regulatory requirements more generally
- Contributing to the developments of evolving regulations in the European Union
- Maintaining expert-level knowledge of nanotechnology applications of Agricultural Pesticides, Pesticides & Antimicrobials, and Food Contact Materials & Food Regulation
- Helping companies with voluntary and mandatory reporting requirements and related IP, liability, insurance, and other issues
- Supporting product stewardship efforts related to nanotechnologies, including efficient communication strategies in the supply chain

Many of our previous publications in this area can be found at our Nanotechnologies Resource Center, which also provides up-to-date news on key developments along with more detailed critical analysis in our ongoing Nano Analyst newsletters.

For more information on these issues or any others pertaining to nanotechnologies, please contact one of our professionals. [Click here](#) to e-mail the Nanotechnologies team with questions or comments.