## **Steptoe & UK REACH: Darren Abrahams**

- International law firm (est. 1916): complex regulation and litigation
- 500+ professionals: US, UK, EU and China market access across borders
- Personal Brexit in reverse: London & Brussels (Barrister & Avocat)
- UK REACH (Biocides and PPP) work to date: "If I were you, I wouldn't start from here":
  - Duplication of compliance efforts and costs finding most efficient way to get back to the same point
  - As always, supply chain costs of maintaining market access is the elephant in the room - regulatory mapping, supply chain undertakings (contractual?), compliance paper trail for enforcement, data rights management (and erosion), cost shifting
  - GB-EU divergence not just a theoretical possibility