

# New Environmental Regulations - Beyond REACH?



**September 18th 2008, Dolby Laboratories Wootton Bassett**

25 delegates, including some visiting from mainland Europe and Ireland, attended this seminar held at SMART Group member company, Dolby Laboratories' European HQ at Wootton Bassett in Wiltshire, using their state of the art screening room for the presentations.

After allowing all the delegates to introduce themselves and express what they hoped to get out of the day, Nigel Burtt of Dolby brought in Neil Stanton of BSI to start off the day by giving us an overview of the REACH regulations.

This was followed by an excellent presentation from Marion Quarrington of MTL Instruments, giving some much welcome practical implementation ideas on REACH for the CEMs and OEMs present. Richard Boyle of Henkel then gave an informative and entertaining presentation giving a supplier's perspective on REACH. We were all reminded that there were just 73 days to go before the pre-registration phase ends!

Just before we broke for lunch, Rod Wardle of the IABM neatly summarised the morning's key points and then lead a question and answer session. During the lunch break delegates were given the opportunity to tour the Dolby manufacturing area.

After lunch, Neil Stanton then gave us an update on the RoHS Directive, including the detail on the withdrawal of the original exemption for the Deca-BDE flame retardant, for example. Nigel Burtt followed this by trying to show how RoHS and WEEE-like legislation is not just confined to Europe, but has an ever increasing global impact.

The last presentation was from Mike Inman of BSI, who covered the imminent UK implementation of the Batteries Directive (enters into force next week!) and gave us an update on the EUP Directive.

After a final question and answer session, delegates were invited to experience a short demonstration of Dolby's new 3D-Digital Cinema system, including an amazing clip of sharks from a movie still in post production.

*Nigel Burtt, Dolby Laboratories & SMART Group Technical Committee*



Nigel introduces Richard Boyle



Our presenters enjoying Autumn sun

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