The Business Environmental Performance Initiative (BEPI) is a business-driven initiative by the Foreign Trade Association (FTA) supporting retailers, importers and brands to improve environmental performance in supplying factories worldwide. BEPI offers a single system that enables all companies sourcing all product types to address the environmental performance of their supply chains, with a focus on gap analysis, environmental management improvement and progress monitoring. The BEPI System provides an easy step-by-step approach, allowing participants and producers to take the journey together, providing transparency along the way.

**Benefits**

- **Enhanced environmental and financial performance**: Through enhancing environmental performance at the production site, participants and their producers benefit directly from improved environmental management and reduced costs.

- **Reduced risks and improved credibility**: BEPI reduces environmental risks at factory level and builds credibility by providing environmental information to share with stakeholders.

- **Improved relations in the supply chain**: Participants can work together with their producers to develop strong business relations throughout their supply chain.
BEPI’s Supply Chain Chemical Management Module

A holistic approach to addressing chemical management challenges in your supply chain

Pressure on companies to tackle fundamental chemical management challenges in their supply chains is ramping up. This is due to complex policy requirements such as REACH (EU Regulation for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), along with increased stakeholder expectations through campaigns such as Greenpeace’s Detox. BEPI’s Supply Chain Chemical Management (SCCM) module has been designed specifically to support companies in addressing these crucial challenges.

Through the SCCM, businesses and their producers will benefit from:

- **COMMON TOOLS AND STANDARDS**
  Get access to industry-wide tools, aligned performance goals and a common message. These are delivered through BEPI’s active collaboration with one service provider, Intertek, to ensure a harmonised approach.

- **CAPACITY BUILDING**
  Raise awareness and support knowledge-building among your producers by providing access to training. These are delivered by BEPI’s partner, the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) programme.

- **GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT**
  Access various resources to guide you along the steps towards improved chemical management in your supply chain, including webinars and workshops.

- **MONITORING**
  Measure your producers’ chemical management progress through BEPI’s in-depth assessments and ensure long-term improvements are achieved at producer level.

- **OUTREACH**
  Benefit from BEPI’s ongoing efforts to collaborate with leading industry partners in order to align approaches, scale efforts and reduce duplication.

These pillars are supported by the BEPI Platform which is designed to support the implementation of the various tools in all tiers of the supply chain.

**Key benefits:**

- **Credible tools and standards:** access widely-used tools and standards based on the best-in-class industry standards
- **A singular audit protocol:** all companies work towards the same goals and duplication is avoided
- **Adaptable:** the SCCM is easy to plug into the BEPI Framework, addressing additional environmental impacts
- **Full-scale service:** seeks a full-understanding among business partners and producers to comply with requirements on chemicals
- **Solution-oriented:** addresses immediate and short-term challenges, such as Detox implementation and substance bans
- **Long-term objectives:** supports long-term company developments, such as achieving zero discharge of hazardous chemicals

**Who can join?**

All companies and organisations striving to improve their chemical management and become sustainability leaders in their field are warmly invited to join BEPI in order to gain access to this forward-thinking programme. This module is open to all BEPI participants, while companies engaged in the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) can also join at no extra cost.

For more information about the programme and how to join, please visit our website [www.bepi-intl.org](http://www.bepi-intl.org) or contact us:

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