

**Dr. Thomas Petry** is the founder and Manager of ToxMinds BVBA, a Brussels-based consulting firm providing services in the area of product safety and regulatory affairs.

Following his Master in Chemistry from the Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany) and a Ph.D. in Toxicology from the Institute of Toxicology of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) of Zurich, Thomas started his professional career as a human toxicologist and regulatory specialist with Procter & Gamble. In this function, he contributed to the development and marketing of consumer products and supported corporate new business developments. During his tenure at P&G, he designed and managed research projects aiming at improving the assessment of consumer inhalation or dermal exposure to chemicals when using products such as cosmetics or home care products.

After six years in Procter & Gamble, he continued his career as a Senior Director in the European Advocacy practice of the Weinberg Group LLC in scientific and regulatory affairs consulting. At Weinberg, he executed a wide range of toxicology, regulatory and science-advocacy projects for companies from various industrial sectors. He completed chemical or consumer products human health risk assessments, managed regulatory and socio-economic impact assessments and was instrumental in the design and implementation of advocacy strategies to support clients' products that came under regulatory or public scrutiny for scientifically unjustified reasons. In the context of his science advocacy projects, he worked and interacted closely with various representatives of the European Institutions, i.e., the Commission, the Parliament and the Council, and European Member States (e.g., Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Spain or UK) as well as international regulatory or science bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) or the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

In ToxMinds, which Thomas founded in early 2007, he is currently serving as a product safety and regulatory affairs consultant for a variety of multinational companies as well as small or medium-sized enterprises from the chemicals, consumer product, metal and pharmaceutical sectors.

Thomas has substantial experience with European chemical and downstream user product regulations, in particular the new EU chemicals regulation (EC) 1907/2006 ("REACH"), the Biocidal Products Directive (98/8/EC); the Cosmetics Directive (76/768/EEC); the Dangerous Substance (67/548/EEC) and Preparation (1999/45/EC) Directives as well as the new EU regulation (EC) 1272/2008 on the classification, labeling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures ("CLP Regulation").

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