

# Working with industry – A proactive approach is needed



# Examples of awareness raising

- Kemi website [www.kemi.se](http://www.kemi.se)
- Helpdesk (legal requirements)
- Echa website <http://www.echa.europa.eu>
- Guidance documents from Echa
- Seminars for companies (new legislation, EU work, etc)
- Action plan for a toxic-free everyday environment:
  - Dialogues with companies
  - Network with municipalities
  - Public procurement

# Action plan for a toxic-free everyday environment

*To reduce the risk faced by people in their everyday lives of being exposed to hazardous chemicals.*

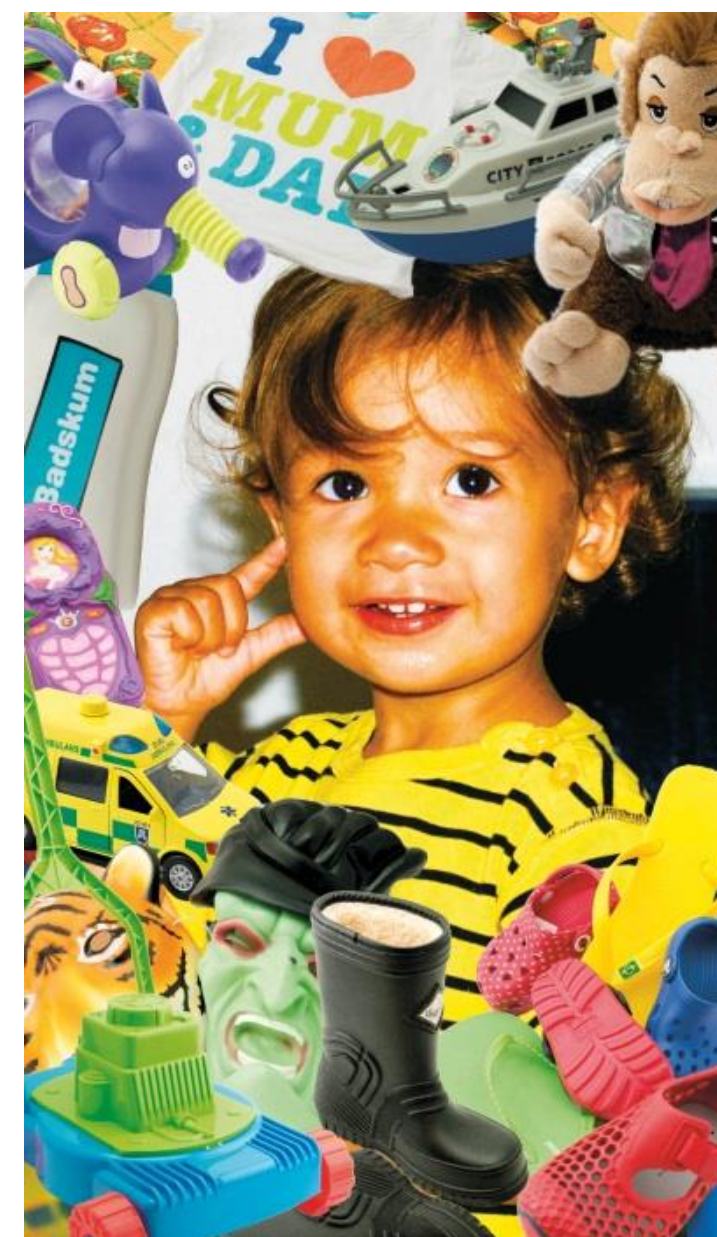


*A step on the road to reaching the Swedish Parliament's environmental quality objective of A Non-Toxic Environment*



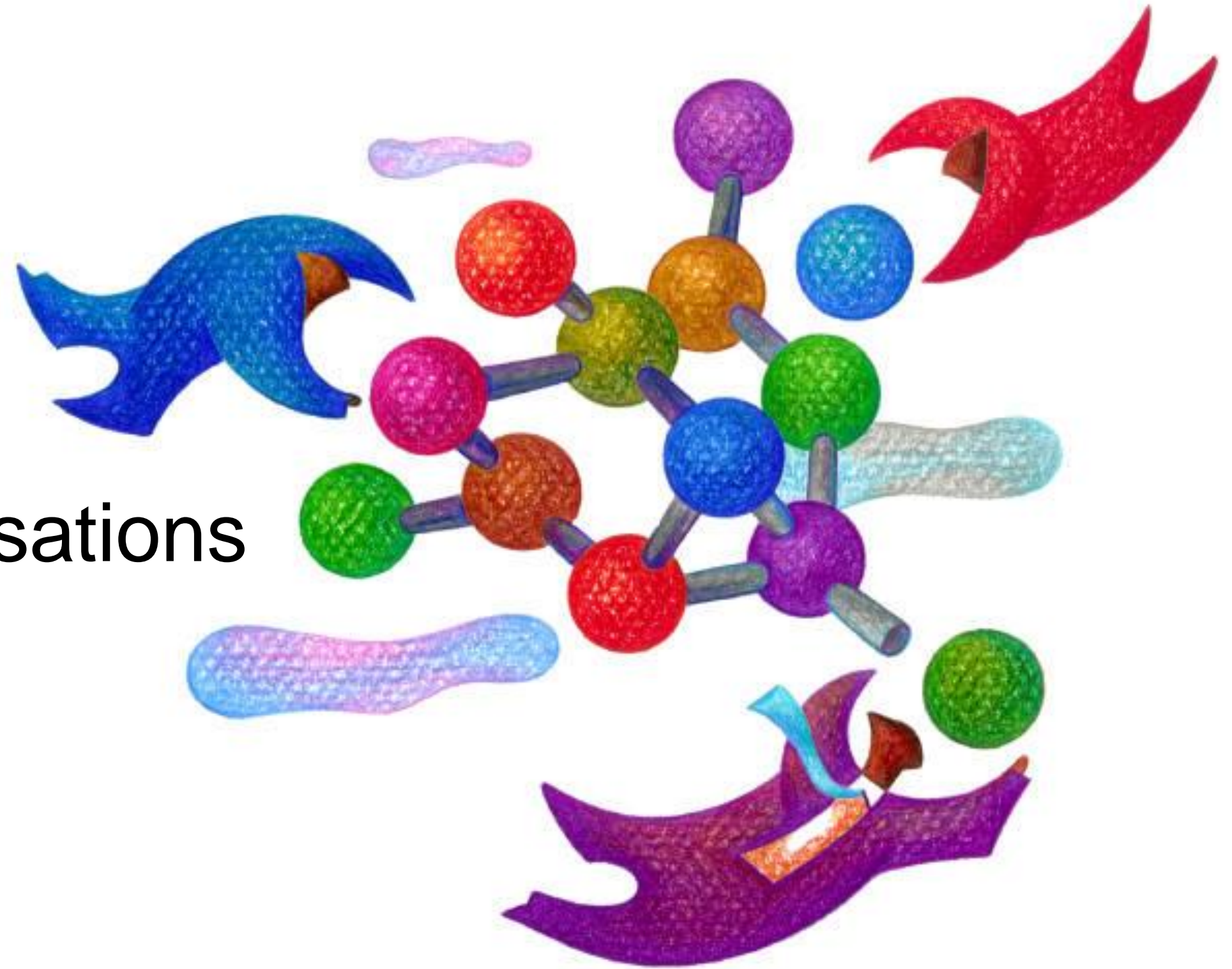
# Industry Dialogues

- Hazardous substances may be found in products and need to be phased-out
- Knowledge and resources are needed
- Which are the obstacles – how can they be removed?
- Which are the possibilities – how can they be strengthened?
- Kemi has initiated dialogues with the industry sectors  
Toys / Textiles / Cosmetics
- Initiate and support substitution made on a voluntary basis



# Actors

- National agencies
- Industry
- Scientists
- Non-governmental organisations
  - environmental
  - consumers





# Conclusions industry dialogues

- Contributed to knowledge transfer within the dialogue group but also to better cooperation and understanding between different actors
- The contribution to the phasing out of harmful chemicals has been limited
- Better understanding for business realities and knowledge
- Textiles – common view for need of stricter EU-legislation

# Action plan for a toxic-free everyday environment 2015–2020



- Reduce the risks of hazardous chemical substances
- Action plan for highly fluorinated substances
- Network of municipalities and requirements regarding procurement of chemicals
- Increase pupils' knowledge of sustainable consumption
- Continued enforcement of banned substances in articles
- Non-toxic and resource-efficient cycle
- Develop EU legislation
- Support the development of global conventions and other agreements

# Requirements regarding procurement of chemicals

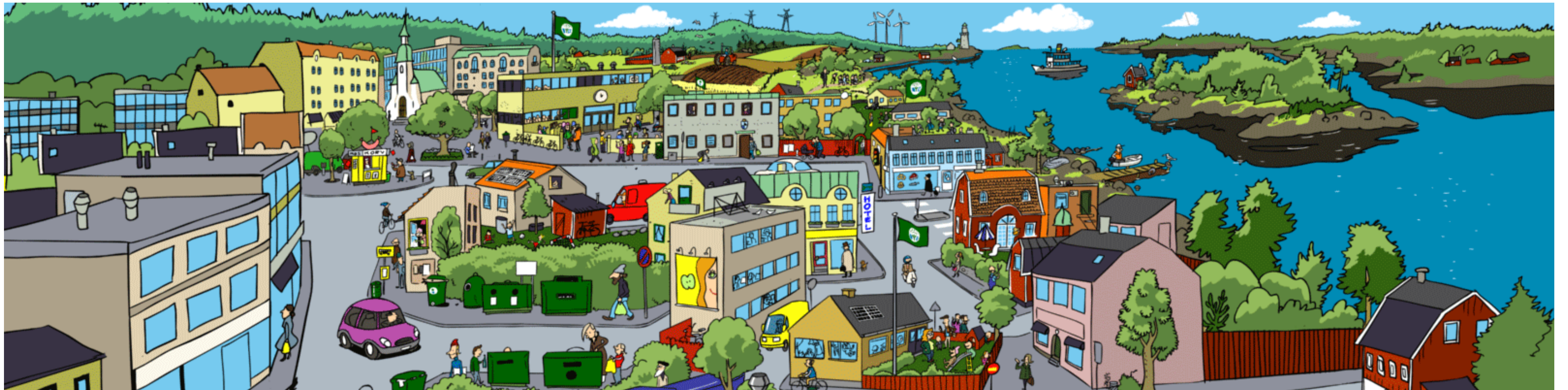
- Requirements regarding the procurement of chemicals could form an important complement to legislation.
- Criteria for pre-school developed by the newly established National Agency for Public Procurement
- Other product groups with chemical requirements: lighting, construction, property, vehicles and transportation, food, medical equipment, furniture, textiles, etc.



# Chemical requirements in public procurement, examples

- Requirements for the supplier's management of information on chemicals (e.g. quality assurance procedures)
- Requirements to avoid substances with certain properties (e.g. allergenic, hazardous, toxic to reproduction)
- Requirements to avoid specific substances or to have lowered the threshold (e.g. bisphenol, phthalates, flame retardants)

# Increase pupils' knowledge of sustainable consumption



Non-toxic environment becomes an integral part of the educational work of schools and pre-schools



**Thank you for your attention!**

