

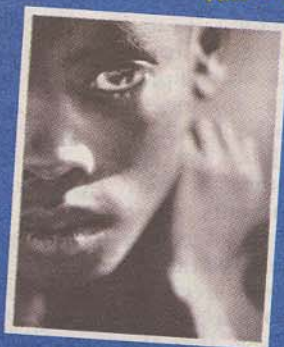
**Yes, dangerous chemicals
must be strictly controlled...**
**...but blanket mandatory substitution
can do more harm than good!**

The proposals of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament for Authorisation under REACH are well intentioned but would in many cases force substitution of existing chemicals for others. This sounds progressive but it could do more harm than good.

A safe and realistic approach to substitution is the only way to deliver results. Substances must be authorised under adequate control or when benefits outweigh risks.

The real dilemma of substitution

Yes, DDT is a dangerous chemical and it was rightly banned for agricultural uses.
And of course, the European chemical industry fully supports the Stockholm Convention banning Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)...



...but can we deny that it saves lives?

"3,000 children and infants die every day from malaria. One of the best tools we have against malaria is indoor residual house spraying. Of the dozen insecticides WHO has approved as safe for house spraying, the most effective is DDT."

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*Cefic calls on MEPs to vote for workable and safe legislation.
Blanket mandatory substitution simply will not work.*

More information and examples are available on www.cefic.eu/substitution

