

BCA stand and presentations at CHEMUK – May 20 and 21, 2026

BCA will once again be exhibiting at CHEMUK (Stand L122), taking place at the NEC, Birmingham on Wednesday May 20 and Thursday May 21, 2026.

This free event is an excellent opportunity to network and learn more about developments across the chemicals industry. Presentations at the event include:

Day 1: BCA PANEL SESSION (WED 20 May | Stage 3 | 11.00 - 12.00)

Theme: Cosmetics and Ingredients - Are you legal?

Feature panel: Hosted by British Chemicals Association (BCA)

Speakers: Nick Dixon and Clare Walker

Session outline:

Cosmetic products contain both chemicals and cosmetic ingredients, so what regulations do you need to comply with to keep you legal? And how does this differ between the UK and EU? We'll guide you through the different laws looking at REACH, Cosmetic Regulation, Classification and Labelling, Packaging, Claims and product safety assessments. We will then open up the floor for your questions to finish the session off.

This session is especially relevant to the following job titles and industries

- Industry: cosmetics, personal care, home care, retail, distributor
- Roles: R&D, chemist, cosmetic scientist, formulator, process development, regulatory, product managers, sales and marketing managers

Day 2: BCA KEYNOTE PRESENTATION (THUR 21 May | Stage 3 | 11.00 -11.20)

Title: Ethanol - A Game of Two Halves

Speaker: Jim Thomas - representing BCA

Abstract:

Ethanol is still under serious threat of being reclassified a CMR due to the application of human alcoholic beverage drinking data to classify ethanol under CLP. I will explain where we are today, what will happen next, the impact of a CMR classification & finally how you can help.

Day 2: BCA PANEL SESSION (THUR 21 May | Stage 3 | 12.00 -13.00)

Theme: The risks on biocidal Active Substances and consequences of their loss

Feature panel: Hosted by British Chemicals Association (BCA)

Speakers: David Ashworth, Stuart Caldwell and Samantha Walker

Session outline:

Biocidal Products have been regulated in both the UK and EU for more than 25 years. Over this period there has been a steady reduction in the number of available Active Substances - both overall and specific to individual BPR Product Types. Industry needs a broad palette of available Active Substances – especially for those Product Types that reflect preservation uses. Formulated products

are often purpose specific – and this makes the preservation of such products complex. The regulatory pressure on Active Substances, leading to restrictions in use – or loss of the substance altogether – will impact both current and future formulated products – leading to a loss of choice, reduced innovation and, in some cases loss of the protection altogether. This session will explore the impact of regulation on active substance survival and the potential consequences of their loss to industry.