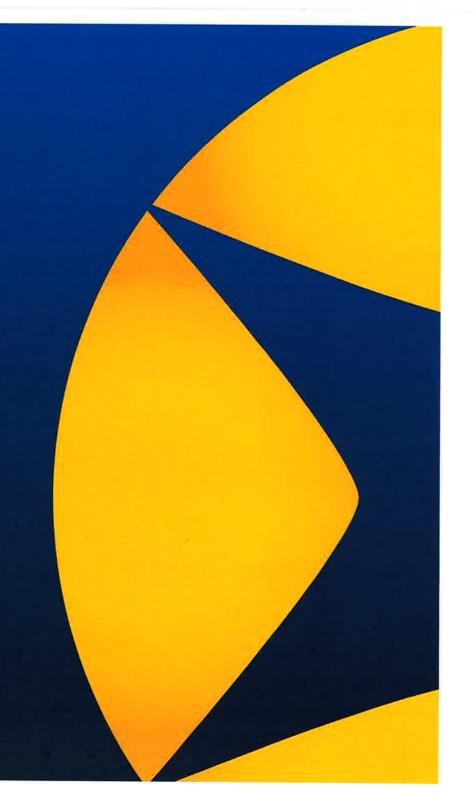


How to register incoming and outgoing communications

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Why register?

Registration certifies the transmission of documents and provides the minimum metadata needed to trace the documents throughout their lifecycle. Searching for documents in a timely and efficient manner is important for the purpose of audits and legal proceedings and for complying with the following rules or regulations:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents
- Council Regulation (EU) 2015/496 as regards the deposit of the historical archives of the institutions at the European University Institute in Florence and its implementing rules
- ED/44/2015 concerning access to one's own file

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What to register?

- Documents to be registered are all (incoming / outgoing) communications that require an action or follow-up, regardless of their medium (electronic, physical) and format (e-mails, letters, web-forms).
- Important communications which can be used as evidence in case of an appeal, audit or dispute or could play a significant role in the decision making process, should also be registered.



What not to register

- Generic invitations which do not require a reply
- Advertisements,
- Declarations of interest, commitment & confidentiality,
- "Thank you letters", mass mailings and other mail for information with no relevance to ECHA's activities/processes (e.g. letters to suppliers asking for name or company change).
- Internal emails exchange
- Informal email exchange with externals
- Communications which are <u>not</u> likely to be used as evidence in case of an appeal, audit or dispute



Findings aids

 http://echanet.echa.europa.local/managem ent/data-documents/working-withdocuments/Registration/Pages/registration.a spx



"Pre-registration" (practicalities)





Where to register

- ECHA has various accepted registration systems. The minimum registration requirements for a tool to be accepted are defined <u>LIS-0012</u>
- Registered documents have to be linked to their metadata in a permanent and **non-modifiable** manner which allows the identification of the document.
- Documents should be registered only once (using the dedicated registration tool)
 - ECHA's "Mail Registry" is the registration tool to use, if no other tool as been identified.
 - A detailed list of what should be registered where, can be found on SharePoint through ECHANet. Click <u>here</u>



Responsibilities

- In general, the responsibilities for registering emails and letters are defined by the relevant process owners.
- Exception:
 - The ECHA Information Desk registers all incoming mail that needs to be registered in Remedy or the Mail Registry.
 - More information in the following slides.



Entry channels - Postal mail

- All postal mail arrives first at the InfoDesk
- Certain standard mail is immediatly registered and/or dispatched (e.g. contracts, invoices, letters about SME verification, and "Helpdesk" questions).
- Cases that are less standard are forwarded per internal mail to the relevant recipient, and registered only at request.
 - ➤ If you receive a letter without a Mail Registry/Remedy reference number, which needs registration in one of the tools, send it back to "ECHA Mail Registration" for registration.



Entry channels

Email

- All emails arrive where the sender sent them to (functional mailboxes, personal mailboxes)
- It is for the relevant staff and services that set up a functional mailbox to have them registered (and know who does it...).
- Forward emails that require registration in the Mail Registry or Remedy for registration to "ECHA Mail Registration"
- Forward emails that are not in the remit of your unit/service to "ECHA Mail Registration" for reallocation.

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Registration in the Mail Registry





Incoming documents

- The Info Desk in A2 is responsible for the registration of incoming documents (paper or electronic) in the Mail Registry.
 - They also send a weekly reminder of open assignemt for action
- The secretaries/assistants of each unit are responsible for
 - The timely follow-up of Mail Registry assignments to their unit,
 - The correct completion of the datasheet,
 - The reassignment of incoming mail that was allocated their unit due to faulty instructions to the Info Desk.

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Outgoing and internal documents

- The secretaries/assistants of each unit are responsible for the registration of outgoing and internal mail (paper or electronic).
- They need to
 - Register the relevant document,
 - Ensure that the data sheet is complete and correct, linked to earlier entries (if applicable), and
 - the relevant document uploaded (for documents that are stored elsewhere, e.g. in REACH-IT, mention in the data sheet where it is stored).
- > The **Info Desk** maintains the list of organisations in the Mail Registry. If you need one to be added to the system, send a message to "ECHA Mail Registration"



Links

- Requester console (for access requests to create D and I numbers)
- Mail Registry (demo)
- Instructions

Registration in Remedy





Remedy tickets (external questions)

- The Info Desk in A2 is responsible for the registration of external questions in Remedy.
- The relevant units/teams that use Remedy for the processing of questions to them are responsible for the handling of the request:
 - Allocation to respondent (reallocation to InfoDesk)
 - Development of reply
 - Recording and completion of meta-data fields



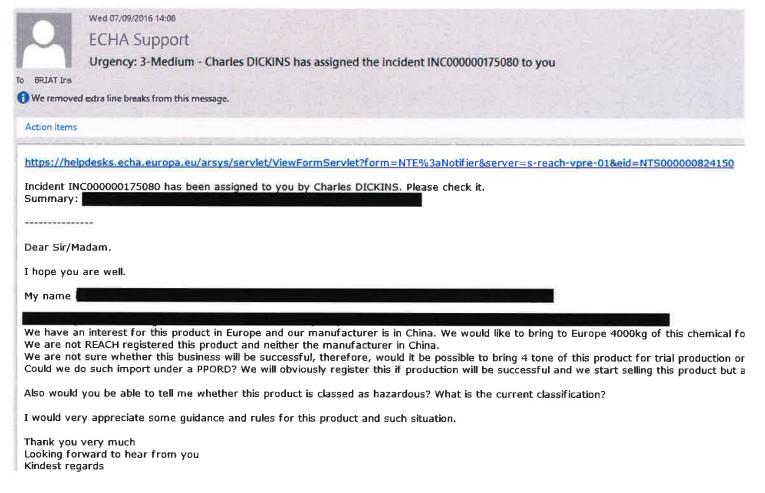
Basics

- Used for unsolicited questions and service requests from Industry, the general public and MSCAs
- Usually, submitted through ECHA's contact forms: <u>https://echa.europa.eu/contact</u>
- One ticket (and reference number) for incoming question and outgoing reply
- Integrated email function that logs all incoming and outgoing mail provided that:
 - The ticket is not yet "Resolved" or "Closed"
 - Message to customer is sent from "ECHA support" or the Email Advanced System
 - Ticket number (INC) is mentioned in the subject line



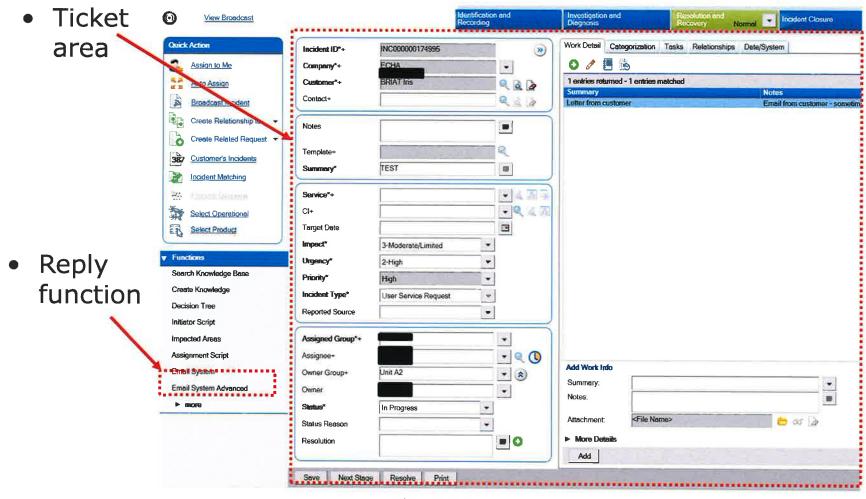
Basics

 Automatic email notifications about assignment of new and follow-up questions.





(External) Remedy tickets

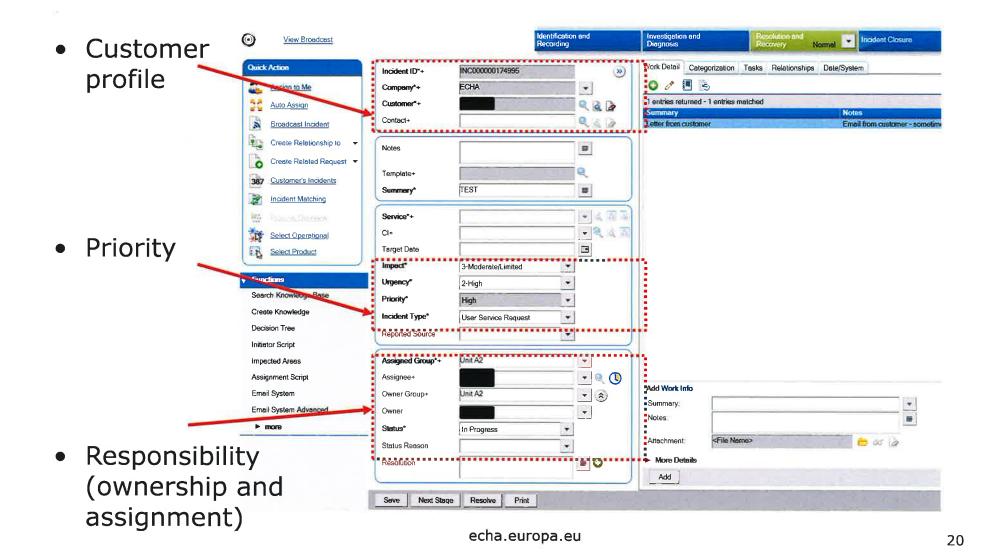


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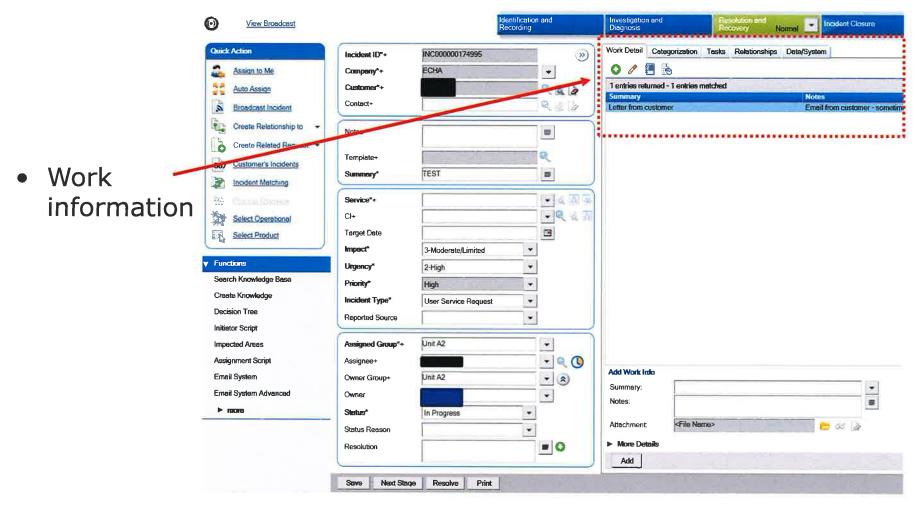


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Work information

Work detail

 All interaction (internal/external)

Categorization

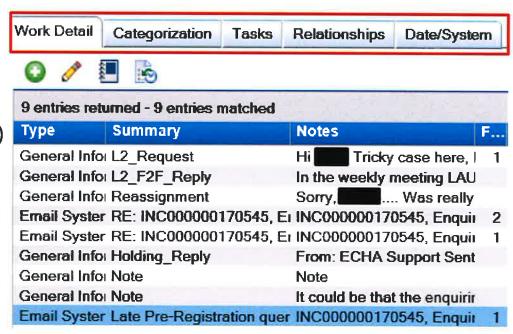
Topic of question (reporting)

Relationships

- Links to related tickets
- Tasks
 - Only for speaking requests

Date/System

- Statistical data
- Possibility to extend the default deadline for the ticket (e.g. after a holding reply)





Replies

- Develop reply (if necessary with support from other units)
- Recording of all relevant Information
- Send out of reply
- Setting of correct meta-data (to ensure correct reporting)



Links

- Requester console (for access to e.g. the unit groups, please attach the approval by your HoU)
- Remedy
- Instructions

Registration in Dynamic Case

Email ingestion





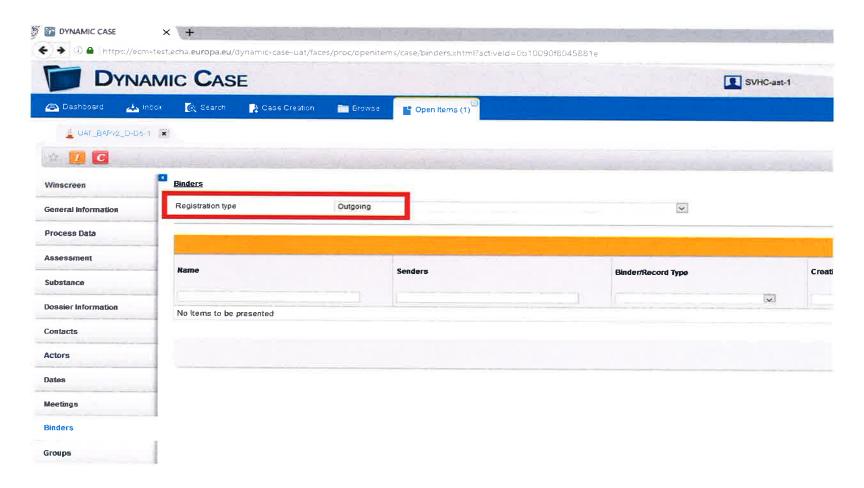
Outgoing communications

- Outgoing communications (notes, letters, decisions) to third parties are sent through an IVAPP.
- Each IVAPP creates an outgoing binder after the publishing step.
- The binder is visible under the binders tab of the case by selecting "outgoing" from the registration type dropdown list





Outgoing communications

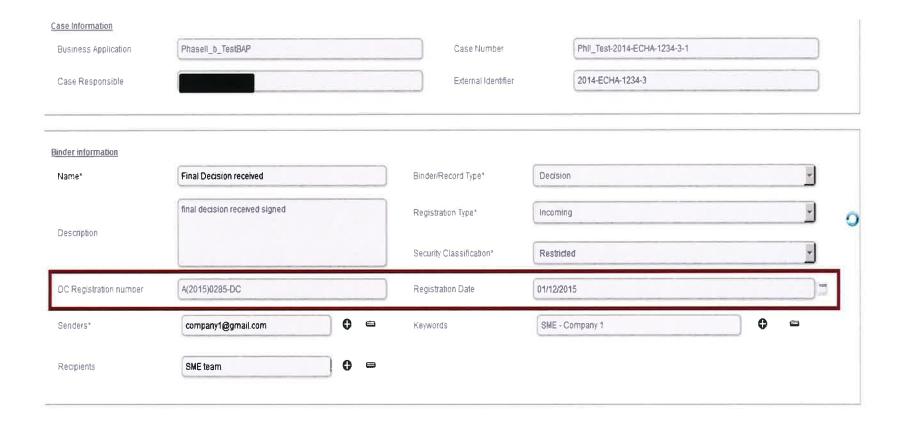


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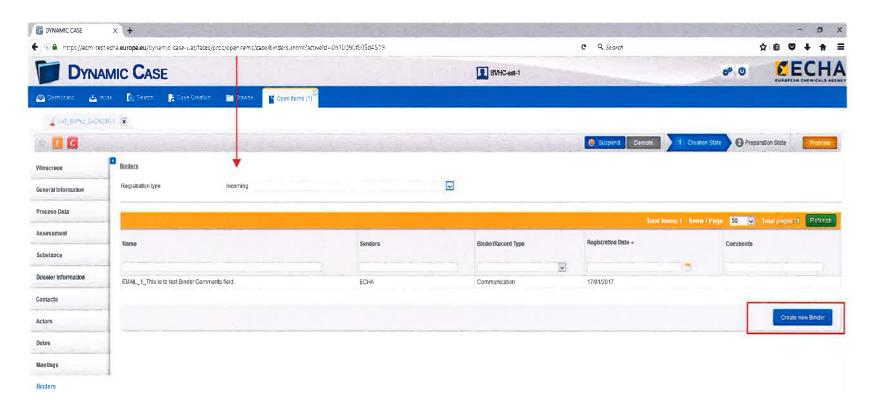


DC Registration Number





Incoming communications (received by postal mail)





Email ingestion

 Email ingestion is a new Dynamic Case feature available since February 2017. It aims to register and store automatically the important emails exchanged with registrants/other third parties to the relevant case. This will enable Units to retrieve, in due time, significant emails (plus their attachments) exchanged with externals and at the same time avoid manual registration in SP Mail Registry.



Email ingestion (live demo)

 https://ecm-test.echa.europa.eu/dynamic-caseuat/faces/proc/inbox/inbox.xhtml



Thank you!

