

Editorial

This year's last issue of EJRR begins with a timely symposium devoted to the ongoing reform of the EU GMO regime. Following Sara Poli's lead, an analysis of the latest Commissions' approach to the cultivation of GMOs in Europe is offered by Maria Weimer, Justo Corti Varela and Shane Morris, by focusing not only on the so called re-nationalisation proposal but also on the new coexistence recommendation.

The two articles published in this issue are about global governance of risk regulation. Thomas Burri's essay deals with complex systems and aims at taking "the reader on a journey to the origins of the paradigm shift", which took place in the sciences from linear "two dimensional" thinking to non-linear "multi-dimensional" reasoning. By relying on chaos theory, he offers an analysis of recent case-law of the European Court of Justice and the German Federal Constitutional Court. Poul F. Kjaer, in turn, presents an original essay on REACH, the European regulatory framework for chemicals and their safe use. He illustrates that, by combining hierarchy and heterarchy, REACH is a hybrid that must be understood to operate within another hybrid: the EU legal order.

As usual, this issue offers a rich choice of reports, dealing with the latest regulatory and judicial updates on a variety of subjects, ranging from Bisphenol A, climate change, gambling, non-communicable diseases and risk communication guidelines, to pandemic flu vaccines and the WTO. Next up, six insightful case notes update the readers on the latest judicial developments in European risk regulation. The issue is closed with three book reviews of recently-released promising volumes.

Finally, I am pleased to invite you to read the News from the Editor's Desk that announce the launch of the lifestyle risks' section. Happy reading!

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