

Chemical Measurements to support exports

For example exports to Europe (*Trinidad and Tobago is a signatory through CARIFORUM to the EPA European Partnership Agreement*) are assessed for compliance with the REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) regulation which already includes thousands of chemical substances and is expected in 2016 to have registered as many as 30 000. If Trinidad and Tobago has any ambitions of being a successful trader to Europe there will be the need for greater emphasis on local capability in this area.



Europe is but the most extreme of an ever increasing number of markets that demand information on chemicals for safety purposes. But even locally where such demands are limited what are the consequences of our leniency. There was an interesting but saddening article not so long ago in one of our daily newspapers where the wife of a cancer patient was accusing a clinic of administering incorrect levels of chemotherapy with fatal results for the patient.

Such issues true or false cannot be fully addressed in the absence of appropriate metrological controls, particularly Chemical Metrology.