

Stay in business under REACH

Pre-registration of chemicals coming from non EU-countries

What is REACH?

REACH is a new Regulation of 18th December 2006 made by the European Parliament and Council, EC 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). It came into force on 1st June 2007. REACH replaces a number of existing chemicals regulations and is to simplify and concentrate the chemicals regulations all over Europe. Manufacturers and importers are responsible for the **pre-registration** of their chemical substances to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA, located in Helsinki). All affected substances (e.g. HF, Si, pastes) will be prepared for the registration.

The pre-registration period will end on **1st December 2008**.

You are directly affected if

- You manufacture or import 1 tonne or more of any chemical substance per year
- You use chemicals in the production process
- You import chemicals from non EU-countries
- You synthesize chemicals

In the absence of registration, further use or marketing is not possible.

You are indirectly affected if

REACH can have effects on the availability of chemicals in the EU. You may be forced to manufacture your products with other elements.

Consequences of REACH

Users are obliged to verify the registration of their substances. They are urged to deal with enquiries from their suppliers about use and use conditions. They need an overall view of their substances, preparations and products: giving details about quantity, environmental compatibility and how to use them safely.

We assist you

- Answer to questions about REACH
- Impart the content and matter REACH
- See need for action and find out ways to reach a solution
- Clarify roles and responsibilities under REACH
- Question suppliers about the future availability of substances
- Create an inventory of all substances
- Verify safety data sheets
- Observe the implementation of REACH

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REACH may affect you.