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- 1) Background of REACH: The Goal, Scope & Impact of this New Regulation
- 2) Current Events Analysis: Tracking the Progress of REACH Compliance
- 3) An Industry Leader Speaks: Strategies for REACH Compliance
- 4) On the Enforcement Horizon: What Are Your Risks?
- 5) Q&A Session





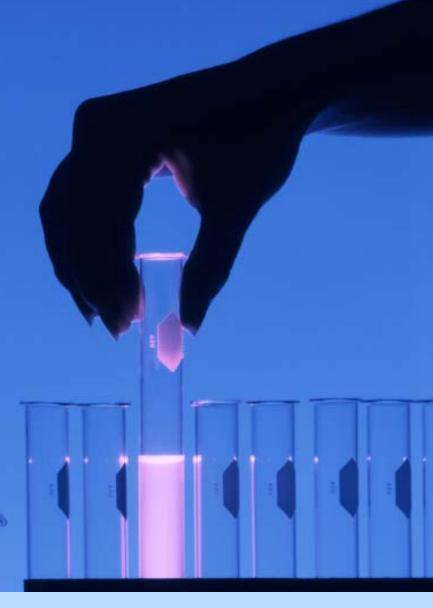






Background of REACH: The Goal, Scope & Impact of this New Regulation













 Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 on the Registration, Evaluation and the Authorisation of CHemicals

#### Scope:

 manufacture, import, placing on market and use of substances (on their own, in preparations or in articles)

#### Goals:

- Improving health and safety of workers and the general public
- Environmental protection avoiding chemical contamination of air, water, soil and damage to biodiversity
- Maintaining a competitive/innovative chemicals industry





### Key elements of REACH



- ■Registration of substances ≥ 1 tonne/yr
- Evaluation of some substances
- Authorisation only for substances of very high concern
- Restrictions the safety net (Community wide action)
- Agency to efficiently manage system

#### **Focus on priorities:**

Substances with <u>high volumes</u> and those of <u>greatest concern!</u>





#### AIM: Ensure industry adequately manages risks from substances

- What?
  - Tonnage based
  - Registration deadlines: 3½-6-11 years
  - Limited information for intermediates and exemption for polymers
  - Limited information for research and development (PPORD)
  - Substances in articles
- How?
  - Manufacturer/importer obtains or generates adequate information
  - Electronic dossier submitted to Agency
  - Certain non-confidential information to central (largely public) database.

### Industry's responsibility





### Registration Requirements



	Health	Environment
1-10t prioritised	<ul> <li>☐ In vitro skin and eye irritation</li> <li>☐ Skin sensitiation</li> <li>☐ In vitro mutagenicity</li> <li>☐ Acute toxicity (one route)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Acute aquatic toxicity – Daphnia</li> <li>□ Biodegradation – biodegradability and hydrolysis</li> <li>□ Acute aquatic toxicity – Algae</li> </ul>
10- 100t	<ul> <li>☐ In vitro skin and eye irritation</li> <li>☐ Further in vitro mutagenicity</li> <li>☐ Sub acute toxicity (28 days)</li> <li>☐ Reproductive toxicity screen</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Acute aquatic toxicity – Fish</li> <li>□ Activated sludge</li> <li>□ Adsorption/desorption screening</li> </ul>
100- 1000t	☐ Further mutagenicity tests ☐ Sub-chronic toxicity (90-days) ☐ Further reproductive toxicity tests	<ul> <li>Long term aquatic toxicity daphnia and fish</li> <li>Further degradation and fate/behaviour studies</li> <li>Short term effects on terrestrial organisms</li> </ul>
>1000t	<ul> <li>□ Further mutagenicity tests</li> <li>□ Carcinogenicity</li> <li>□ Chronic toxicity</li> <li>□ Further reproductive toxicity tests</li> </ul>	☐ Further degradation and fate/behaviour studies ☐ Long term effects on terrestrial organisms







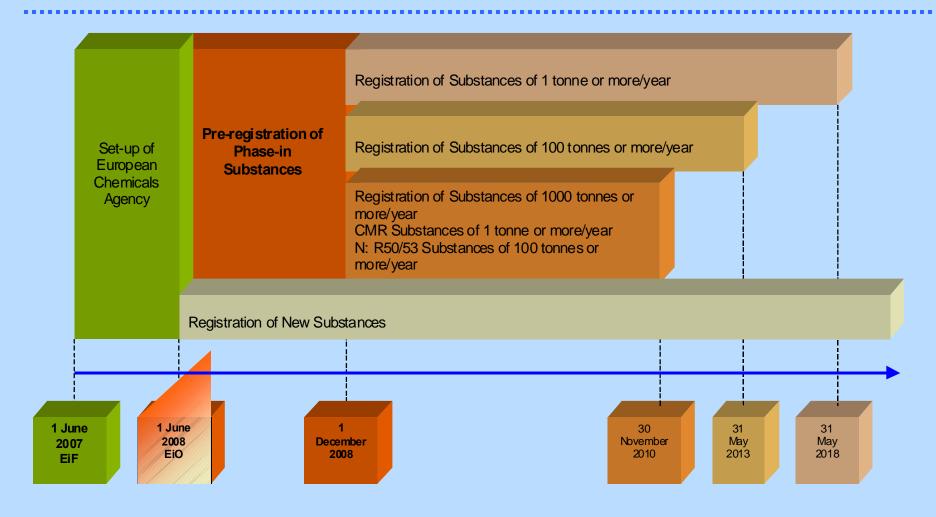
- At the end of the pre-registration period:
  - 65,000 companies from all 27 MS + EAA (85% as SME)
  - 2,750,000 pre-registrations received
  - 146,000 different substances pre-registered
    - Complete EC inventory
    - 17,000 identified by CAS numbers
    - 9,500 identified by chemical names
    - 14,500 multi-constituent substances (Reaction mass)
  - Updated list of pre-registered substances published at end of March





#### **REACH Timeline**

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#### Evaluation



- Dossier evaluation
  - By public authorities
  - Examination of testing proposals
  - Compliance check
- Substance evaluation
  - Rolling plans with substance prioritisation
  - Follow-up suspicion of risk: request more info

Authorities' responsibility





AIM: Ensure risks from substances of very high concern (SVHC) are properly controlled and eventually substituted

- Applies to
  - SVHC (CMR, PBT, vPvB, 'scientific evidence of probable serious effects')
  - Substance, substance in preparation (unless below concentration limit), substance incorporated into an article
- Substance cannot be used unless authorised
- Prioritised Substances progressively authorised (as resources allow)
- Downstream Users can use suppliers' authorisation





- 1. Identification of Substances of very high concern
- 2. Inclusion in Candidate list (first one 15 substances)
- 3. Draft Recommendation on Priority substances for authorisation
- 4. Commenting period (3 months, 1st round until 14 April)
- 5. CHA Recommendation to Commission by 1 June 2009
- 6. Commission decision = inclusion in Annex XIV
  - application date
  - sunset date
- First decision expected end 2009 or early 2010





#### AIM: act as safety net

- Community-wide concern
- MS/COM initiated
  - Fast track possible e.g. CMR substances for consumers
- Agency Committees examine:
  - The risk, and
  - The socio-economic aspects involved
- Commission final decision through comitology
- Carry-over of existing restrictions (76/769/EEC)

European Commission's responsibility





- Non-EU companies are not directly impacted (i.e. do not have direct legal obligations)
  - but imports to the 27 EU-Member States are under the scope of REACH
- EU-importers or Only Representatives (O.R.) must fulfill all REACH obligations for imported substances, preparations, articles, such as:
  - (pre-) registration, including data exchange (SIEF)
  - notification of SVHC in articles if above 0.1% SVHC in articles:
    - notification to ECHA (2011)
    - info for downstream users (when introduced on the Candidate list)
    - info to consumer on request (when introduced on the Candidate list)





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### Focus on Only Representatives

- The non-EU manufacturer shall
  - inform the importers within the same supply chain of the appointment
  - provide the O.R. with all necessary information
    - Hazard data, incl. test data
    - Information on all importers and their subsequent supply chains (exposure scenarios)
    - Presence of SVHC at >0.1% in articles
    - All information needed for preparing/updating a SDS
- Without good and complete data from the Exporter, the importer or O.R. cannot function!







- Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement
- Substance Information Exchange Fora (SIEFs)
- REACH-IT





# European Chemicals Agency in Helsinki

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### European Chemicals Agency



- Agency set-up on 1 June 2007
- Technical, scientific and administrative aspects of REACH:
  - Registration accept, reject or require completion of registration
  - Evaluation carry out dossier evaluation, responsible for substance evaluation, ensure a harmonised approach, take decisions
  - Authorisation/Restrictions facilitate process, suggest priorities
  - Secretariat for Forum and Committees
  - Deal with appeals registration, R&D, evaluation, confidentiality
  - Finalise guidance documents (RIPs)





### European Chemicals Agency



- Executive Director (Management Board voted in October)
- Management Board (governing body of the ECHA)
- Secretariat supports Committees and Forum
- Member State Committee
   (arbitrates differences of opinions and proposes SVHC)
- Risk Assessment Committee

   (opinions on evaluation, applications for authorisation, proposals for restrictions and C&L)
- Committee for the Socio-Economic Analysis (opinions on applications for authorisation, proposals for restrictions and questions relating to the socio-economic impact of proposed legislative action
- Forum (enforcement)
- Board of Appeal





### European Chemicals Agency



- ECHA Helpdesk
- Advice and assistance to manufacturers and importers (for Registration)
- Support to the helpdesks established by Member States
   http://ec.europa.eu/echa/reach/helpdesk/echahelp\_en.html
- National helpdesks
  - •http://ec.europa.eu/echa/reach/helpdesk/nationalhelp\_contact\_en.html





### Stakeholder's involvement



- Stakeholder involvement (industry, including 3rd countries, NGO's (e.g. FoE, WWF, EEB, Greenpeace) throughout the whole co-decision process, including future review of the Annexes
- Publication of testing proposals on Agency website all interested parties are invited to submit scientifically valid information (Art. 40(2))
- Authorisation interested parties may comment before inclusion of substances in Annex XIV (Art. 58(4)) and may submit information on alternative substances or technologies for reviews of authorisations or for substances for which an application has been received (Art. 64(2))
- Restriction process interested parties may comment on Annex XV dossiers (Art. 69(6))
- Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency includes also three non-voting members from interested parties
- Stakeholders can be invited by ECHA Committees (Risk Assessment and Socio-economic Analysis and Member States) and the Forum to attend meetings as observers and can be nominated as experts by the Member States





#### More Information



http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/chemicals/index.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/echa/

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/chemicals/index.htm











- Came into operation May 2007 one month before REACH came into force
- Independently owned
- Mission: to provide businesses with the information they need to manage the risks of chemicals in products responsibly
- Nominated for first European Parliament Prize for Journalism in 2008 for outstanding efforts to clarify a major EU issue.
- Has become the reference for news and views on REACH implementation and other chemical risk issues.











# REACH in Practice: Background



- 2008 first year of implementation
- Efforts focused on:
  - finalising REACH technical guidance OR surprise
  - finalising IUCLID 5 software to prepare data sets
  - preparing and testing REACH-IT (ECHA and industry)
  - registering legal entities in REACH-IT
  - making most of transitional period for PORDs (before June 2008)
  - working out system for obtaining REACH registration numbers for NONS chemicals
  - and, of course, pre-registration 1 Jun 2008-1 Dec 2008...





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#### OR surprise at REACH pre-registration launch

'Only representatives' will have to register substances for each non-EU manufacturer 14-Apr-2008



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'Only representatives' (ORs) appointed to register substances on behalf of non-EU manufacturers will have to submit separate registrations for each company they represent, the European Commission announced today.

Speaking at the joint Commission/European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) pre-registration launch event in Brussels, Otto Linher of DG Enterprise, said the change in interpretation followed a further round of dialogue with member states last week. He urged delegates to "spread the message as widely as possible".

During the meeting, the Commission conceded that it was wrong in its earlier interpretation, which required ORs to submit one registration aggregating tonnages for all the non-EU manufacturers it represents.

The news was welcomed at first sight by EU manufacturers at the meeting and ORs. The director of one OR company – REACH Only Representative – said "this brings clarity to the situation and is good news for everyone". But the consequences of the decision are still being worked out, Mr Linher stressed.





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#### Latest REACH-IT trials hit problems

Dramatic build up to pre-registration but contractors insist flaws can be ironed out in time

27-May-2008



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With less than a week to go before REACH pre-registration begins on 1 June, final tests by industry and by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have turned up significant problems.

Speaking last week after delivery of a production version of the system, ECHA executive director Geert Dancet said it looked much better but the Agency would carry out its own tests to be sure (<u>CW 19 May 2008</u>). Today, Mr Dancet revealed that "quite a lot of serious problems were identified in all different functions" during the internal tests which concluded on Friday.

The contractors charged with delivering the IT system – Trasys and TechniData – were informed of its findings. They are said to have expended "enormous resources" last week and over the weekend, resulting in a new version of the system complete with further test reports being delivered to ECHA last night.

The system is said to be much improved on earlier versions, but ECHA now plans to undertake its own further round of testing over the next two days. According to Mr Dancet, the contractors are confident of being able to address the problems in time and he is "optimistic by nature". A statement is expected





## REACH in Practice: Pre-Registration



- Slow start delay in ECHA introducing bulk submission facility caused many firms to wait;
- Summer holidays;
- High drama in the autumn with uncertainty all round about whether companies/ ECHA would cope;
- Last minute(?) double pre-registration controversy;
- Agency and company staff forced to work late nights, weekends to meet 1 December 2008 deadline;
- Eerie slowdown in last week or two;
- Then the shock at the scale of the task behind and ahead
- 2.7m pre-registrations (15x the expected number),
   145,000 substances ≡ pre-SIEFs, 65,618 companies
- Late pre-registration 3,660 by 16 March 2009; not a flood but helpdesks, trade bodies report many firms 'confessing' to omissions.

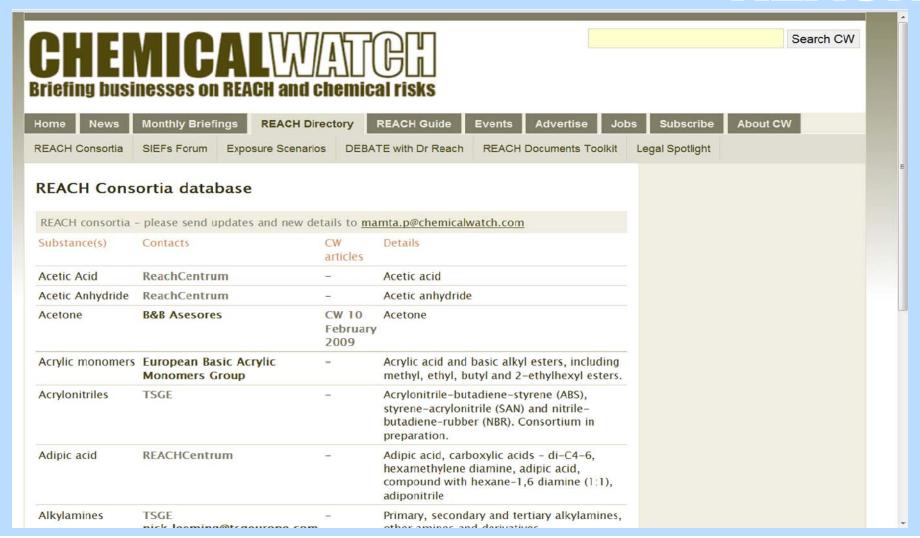




- Some established several years ago eg. aluminium
- Many set up over last two years in anticipation of REACH
- More than 100 REACH-specific consortia in operation, no official list
- Range from one substance eg. carbon black to tens of substances eg. LOA REACH Consortium for 170 lower olefins and aromatics
- Early issues over:
  - consortia legal agreements
  - fees (Mn consortium halved fees due to revised cost estimates)
  - transparency (http://chemicalwatch.com/REACH\_consortia)
  - OR rights and obligations
  - membership basis fairness for SMEs
- Shadow consortia have emerged in Japan to organise companies to optimise registration efficiency; how will they engage with parallel EU bodies eg. ethylene oxide and glycol? ECHA insists only one joint submission per SIEF.
- Alternative models, eg. CONCAWE licensing agreements, B&B Asesores joint submission groups

















### THE CHEMISTRY OF REACH in Practice: Pre/SIEFs REACH

- Pre-registration presents enormous success or huge headache
- 2 pre-SIEFs > 5,000 members; 138 > 1,000 members;
   88% < 25 members</li>
- CEFIC surprised many with SIEF coding proposal but welcomed by ECHA
- ESCAPE plan to define best practice to relations between consortia and pre-SIEFs
- Dubious pre-SIEF members even worse, posing as SIEF formation facilitators (SFFs)
- Vast majority of pre-SIEFs now have SFFs but unreliable indicator of activity
- ECHA asking lead registrants to make themselves known





## REACH in Practice: Pre/SIEFs (cont'd)



- Scarily slow start to SIEF formation process based on reports from industry, rate of lead registrants being notified to ECHA
- For 30 Nov 2010 deadline for high volume substances it is recommended that lead registrant dossiers are submitted by July 2010
- Industry demands for more guidance from ECHA
- ECHA says it's an industry responsibility guidance from leading groups CEFIC, CONCAWE on SIEF operation, issues
- Those SIEFs that are making progress are those led by major producer or established consortia





## REACH in Practice: SIEF Issues



- How can a SIEF be formed if no pre-SIEF participant volunteers as SIEF formation facilitator (SFF)?
- How can a SIEF be formed if several pre-SIEF participants volunteer as SFFs?
- How can a SFF be replaced?
- Big companies have already formed consortia on a given substance. How can SMEs get involved in the same SIEF?
- How can two pre-SIEFs be merged to one SIEF?
- How can a pre-SIEF be split into two SIEFs?
- I have not heard anything from my pre-SIEF members. What should I do?
- Who can I contact if we have problems agreeing on our SIEF formation/management?
- How is the transition from a pre-SIEF to a SIEF made? Reported to REACH Help-Net (EU REACH helpdesks network)







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#### SIEFs Forum

There is an urgent need for all SIEFs planning to register chemicals under REACH by the 30 November 2010 deadline to get working now (<u>CW 4 March 2009</u>). To help readers we have compiled this page of advice from respected sources on how companies should be engaging in SIEF activity. If you have useful advice that you would like to share free of charge with *Chemical Watch* readers, please email: mamta.p@chemicalwatch.com

#### Advice from ECHA

- SIEFs Top Tips for Getting Started (Apr 09)
- SIEFs Key Principles (Feb 09)
- Advice on joint data submission

#### Advice from National EU Competent Authorities

- UK REACH Helpdesk advice on registration (May 09) \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*
- UK REACH Helpdesk advice on pre-SIEFs and SIEFs
- French REACH Helpdesk clarification of the relationship between pre-SIEFs and SIEFs (Feb 09)
- German REACH Helpdesk site on SIEF operation
- Dutch REACH Helpdesk Guide to SIEF operation

Advice from trade associations





#### REACH in Practice: SVHCs

- First official candidate list of 15 substances of very high concern (SVHCs) announced by ECHA 28 October 2008, triggering Article 33 supply chain obligations
- First ECHA priority list proposal of 7 substances announced in January 2009 with sunset and application dates. Due to be finalised in June.
- ChemSec alternative Substitute It Now (SIN) List Version
   1.0 announced Sept 2008
- ETUC alternative SVHC Priority List announced 31 March 2009
- Company declarable/restricted substance lists continue to be maintained.
- Recipe for confusion or welcome advance warning for supply chains?





- Successful submission of registration dossiers most currently failing at first hurdle due to unfamiliar electronic submission via REACH-IT. ECHA planning to issue checklist Q4 to help
- REACH registration number worry how to include numbers on SDSs without enabling divulgence of CBI; solution due soon.
- Engaging the supply chain to prepare chemical safety reports – with exposure scenarios for hazardous substances; work underway in many fora, upstream and downstream user initiatives to be announced later this year
- Classification and labeling for dangerous substances, must be agreed by SIEFs and notified to ECHA by 1 Dec 2010. NB: regardless of tonnage, whether due to be REACH registered or not
- Enforcement how will this be carried out? who will be targeted? what will be the penalties? level playing field?





#### REACH in Practice:

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- A Conclusion
  - Economic recession achieve more with less, rapid M&A, closure rate.
  - Acceleration in global regulation fuelled by REACH, SAICM, GHS eg. CCMP, TSCA reform
  - Emerging issues nanomaterials, complex science (effects may be neurodevelopmental, synergistic, transgenerational), growing consumer awareness, NGO activity, investor interest
  - Supply chain pressures increase product recall risks, globalisation, REACH communication requirements
  - Corporate social responsibility agenda pressure for greater disclosure of material risks, greater proactivity













- Chemical Company Challenges
- What are the next steps to achieve REACH Compliance?
- What's on the horizon?





Science-based	Industry knows little about the majority of chemicals it uses and sells  86% of the High Production Volume Chemicals have less than the REACH-defined basic data sets REACH requires full data from industry
Rule of Law	Industry believes that safety is best handled through voluntary self-management  Loss of public confidence in industry and governments led to REACH, a mandatory regulatory law  Burden of proof remains, but failure to ensure safe use means loss of market, civil and criminal penalties
Transparency	Industry operates with significant restrictions imposed by competitive business information  REACH requires the sharing of use information with suppliers/customers and testing data between competitors  Much of the hazard, exposure and risk data may be available to anyone globally.





#### REACH differs from other regulatory systems in important ways:

- Applies to substances not products
  - > Companies deal with products (e.g. end-uses/markets, volumes, product stewardship)
  - Substances ≠ Products. Corporate data and planning may not align with regulatory requirements
- "Safe use" rests entirely on Chemical Industry
  - Regulatory authorities do not approve a corporation's declarations at any stage
  - Corporations are required to set standards which are binding and easily enforced
  - Most information submitted may be publically available around the globe
- Companies are required to work with and depend on others
  - Submission done by a lead registrant on behalf of all who register a substance
  - Certain data are required to be exchanged with competitors and others through SIEFs
  - Use information must be shared among supplier and customers
- REACH will affect:
  - Every time chemical company uses substances
  - With every delivery of chemical products
  - Inside and outside the EU through the supply chains





#### What is REACH?



#### A licensing system for access to the EU market

- All substances imported or manufactured
- Pre-registration is a temporary license
- Registration is a license which can be restricted or revoked

#### Registration is required <u>before</u> market access

- ➤ Takes time up to a year
- Can be costly -- €500 to €1.000.000
- Requires data, risk assessment and safe-use definition

### Not an event, but a on-going process requiring continued investment of resources

- ➤ 10 year full implementation (2008 2018)
- Requires proof of compliance with enforcement by EU member states
- Documentation, tracking and updates are mandatory
- Impacts nearly every major business process
- Includes changes to classification, labeling and ESDS





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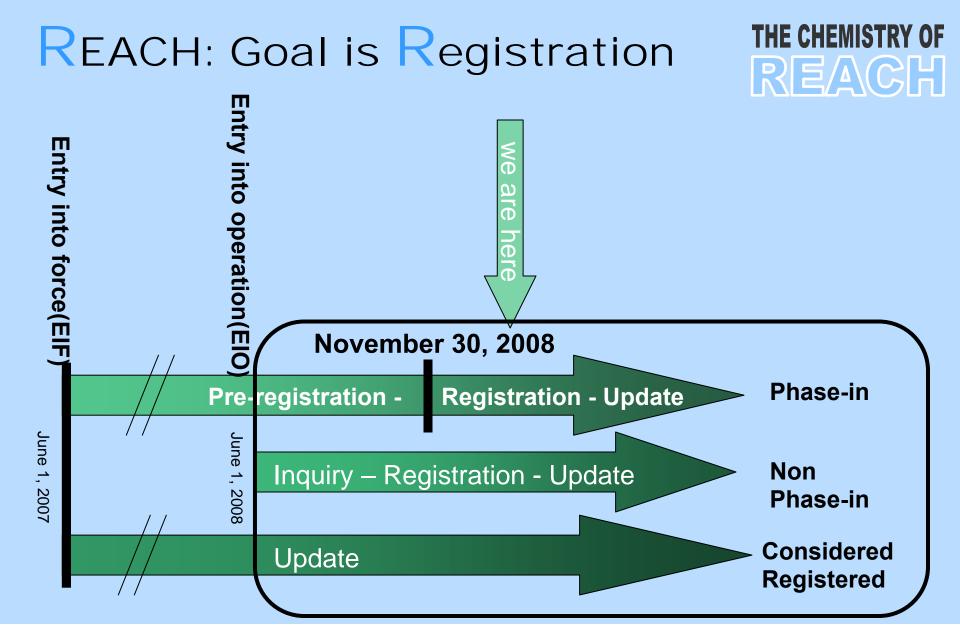
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What are the next steps to achieve REACH Compliance?











#### Registration Processes

Contact person & address EINECs/CAS #/Subst. names Tonnage band Substance ID

Substance ID
Process Description
CBI
IUCLID

QA/QC Site Legal entity New OR % own use

SDS

Regulatory & CB information

Risk Assessment refinement & Exposure Scenario completion

Use assessment
Exposure scenario
determination
Operational conditions
Uses advised against

Risk mgt measures
CSR

IUCLID

Operations compliance QA/QC

Consistency check
Final approval prior to
submission
QA/QC

Dossier Review

Review

Hazard Assessment

End-point summary PNECs/DNELs PBT/vPvB Assess't Ranges Safety factors Argumentation QA/QC Use information

All downstream uses
Uses advised against
Current risk mgt
measures

Dossier

**Submission** 

Management of

Change

Compliance

**Assurance** 

Starting Points

- Pre-registration

- Inquiry

-ELINCS notification

- PPORD

Contact person & address EINECs/ELINCs/CAS # Intermediates No Longer Polymers Tonnage band Date of submission

> Available hazard data Preliminary DNEL & PNEC

Prel. Use

Operational conditions Risk Mgt Measures

Preliminary Risk Assessment

Registration & CBI Strategy

Initial Subst. ID
Intermediate/PPORD
exemption/Strict control
Only Rep.
Import LE

Tonnage band Lead role in SIEF & submission

SIEF & Joint Submission Data Compilation

Classification Alone (no SIEF), joint, lead

QA/QC

Substance sameness
Data needs
Data gap completion
Testing Strategies

Robust Study Summaries Read-across IUCLID

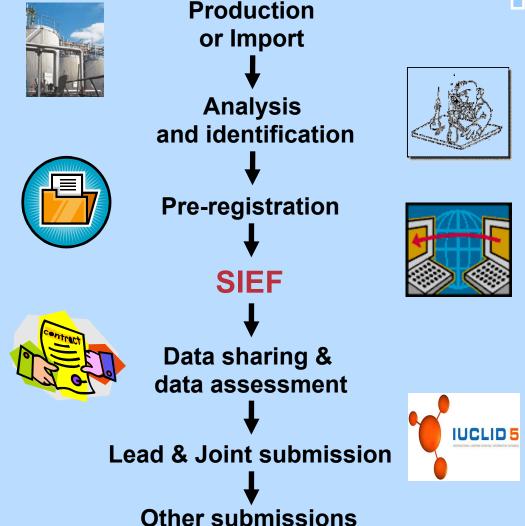


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#### Flow for phase-in substances THE CHEMISTRY OF

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#### SIEF - Substance Information Exchange Forum



#### Required membership

- No formal process to identify initial members
- 9.5- year duration

#### Aim:

- Exchange of information
  - data sharing (voluntary & required)
  - testing proposals
- Agree Classification & Labeling

#### Data points:

- New data (tox) made available
- Revision of Classification
- Testing proposal preparation
- Discussion on safe use (risk management measures, operational conditions, etc.)





## Joint submission of data by multiple registrants



- Joint submission
  - One Substance "One Registration"
- Process
  - The Joint submission members choose a lead registrant
  - The lead submits a complete data package first
    - The agreed data package (studies etc.)
    - Company specific information (compositional details of the substance etc.)
  - The members submit only their specific information
- Note: The data holders are part of the SIEF, but they have no role in the Joint Submission. The data holders will in most common cases also not be part of the consortium.

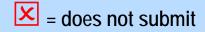


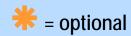


#### Own Submission



Information requirement (Article 10)	Lead registrant		Member
	Lead registrant own submission	On behalf of the joint submission	
a (i) the identity of the manufacturer(s) or importer(s)	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>√</b>
a (ii) the identity of the substance	<b>√</b>	X	<b>√</b>
a (iii) information on the manufacture and use(s)	<b>√</b>	X	<b>√</b>
a (x) exposure information (1 to 10 tonnes)	✓	X	<b>√</b>





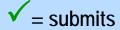




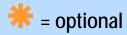
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a (ii) the identity of the substance	✓	X	✓
a (iii) information on the manufacture and use(s)	<b>√</b>	X	✓
a (iv) the classification and labelling	X	✓	X
a (V) guidance on safe use	*	*	*
a (vi) study summaries Annexes VII to Xi	X	✓	X
a (vii) robust study summaries Annexes VII to XI	X	✓	X
a (ix) proposals for testing where listed in Annexes IX and X;	X	✓	X
a (x) exposure information (1 to 10 tonnes)	✓	×	<b>√</b>
(b) chemical safety report	*	*	*



= does not submit





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- Science-based Policies and Programs
- Adherence to the Rule of Law
- Overwhelming Transparency





#### What's on the horizon?



TSCA Reauthorization

Managing Global Harmonization System













- REACH requires each EC member state to appoint a competent authority and maintain an adequate enforcement system
- Member states had to have their enforcement regimes in place by 1 December 2008
- Enforcement regimes must provide for "effective, proportionate and dissuasive" penalties for non compliance
- Results of enforcement must be reported by member states to the European Commission every 5 years





- Coordination and cooperation of competent authorities across the EU in relation to enforcement will be vital
- REACH encourages cooperation and coordination between member states' competent authorities via a Forum for exchange of information on enforcement
- On 30 April 2009, the ECHA announced that the first coordinated REACH enforcement program had started through the Forum
- Inspections will be made across the EU to check that manufacturers and importers have made the necessary registration/pre-registration







- Reach Enforcement Regulations 2008 came into force on 1 December 2008
- In the UK, the Health & Safety Executive is the primary national enforcing authority
- It has already dealt with 60 non compliance issues since December 2008
- Although the HSE is the primary enforcing authority, a number of other bodies are also involved





#### The UK example



- HSE will enforce REACH registration requirements and duties
- HSE will enforce REACH supply chain-related duties up to the point of retail sale
- Local authority trading standards will enforce REACH supply chain obligations at the point of retail sale
- Environment Agency, HSE and local authorities enforce REACH use-related duties
- The above entities will be supported by HM Revenue and Customs who will detain goods at import







- UK enforcing authorities have full powers of investigation
- They may enter premises, search them, detain goods, take samples, test, question staff, etc
- HM Revenue & Customs can detain a substance or article that has been imported for up to 2 days.
  - This gives the enforcement authorities time to arrive on site and make an assessment







- Failure to comply with:
  - Registration requirements
  - Supply chain requirements
  - End use requirements

is a criminal offense

- Fines and imprisonment
- Possible liability for directors and officers
- If enforcing bodies do not think that a criminal punishment is sufficient, it can also make a civil claim for, for example, profits made from the sale of non-compliant articles/substances











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