



REACH declaration – further information

REACH objectives are:

- Ensure a high level of protection from exposure to chemicals in order to safeguard human health and the environment.
- Provide improved risk management.
- Shift responsibilities from authorities to industry.
- Promoting innovation and competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry.

REACH contains the following regulations

Manufacturers of substances, importers of substances, on their own, or of substances in preparations into the European Community (EC) and the European Economic Area (EEA) must register these substances with the European Chemical Agency as of June 1, 2008 if these substances are manufactured or imported in quantities of at least 1 t/a and are not exempted from the registration requirement. Phase-in substances, e.g. those listed in the EINECS inventory of existing substances can be pre-registered from June 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008. Preregistered substances do not have to be registered until later, depending on the manufactured / imported quantity.

Suppliers of substances and preparations must provide users with either a safety data sheet or safety information. In certain cases, the safety data sheet will include an annex with relevant exposure scenarios ("extended safety data sheet").

Manufacturers and importers of products that contain more than 0.1% by mass of a substance on the "candidate list" per product (Art. 33) must upon request provide sufficient information to the professionals and other downstream users in order to safely use the product, but at least the name of the product. If there is also more than 1 t/a of the substance in all of these products, this must be reported to the European Chemical Agency (EchA) at the earliest beginning June 1, 2011.

Downstream users of chemicals (substances and preparations) must meet additional requirements as of June 1, 2008 but only after receiving an extended safety data sheet. Downstream users can support the manufacturers and importers of substances and preparations by providing them with relevant information for the registration.