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REACH

Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals



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One-stop Solution to REACH Directive

REACH, the European Union regulation for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances, aiming to protect human health and the environment from the risks arising from the use of chemicals has been adopted since June 2007. Manufacturer or importer places in volume of 1 tonne or more of a substance or a preparation on EU market per year has to register at the European Chemicals Agency (the Agency) according to REACH. For substance in "article" such as rubber keys of mobile phone, ink in ball pen and aroma in eraser, there are specific requirements for registration and notification. Therefore, it is important that all manufacturers, importers and downstream users of chemicals are well prepared and fully aware of the impact this new regulation will have on their businesses.



Registration and Notification

Under REACH, it requires all substances that are intended to be released from articles during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use to be registered according to the normal rules provided that those substances are present in the articles above 1 tonne per year.

Moreover, all substances of very high concern present in articles above a concentration limit of 0.1% by weight and present above 1 tonne per year must be notified to the Agency except where exposure to human and environment can be excluded during normal conditions of use including disposal. Under this circumstance, safety instructions should be given. Information should also be made available to consumers on request.



Getting Ready for REACH

To facilitate the registration process, the registration provisions will be applied in a step-wise fashion to phase-in substances manufactured/imported over 1 tonne per year. For these substances, a series of registration deadlines are established for the different tonnage ranges (Figure 1). In addition certain substances of very high concern such as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction substances (CMRs) and potential PBT or vPvBs (classified with N: R50-53) will also need to be registered early.

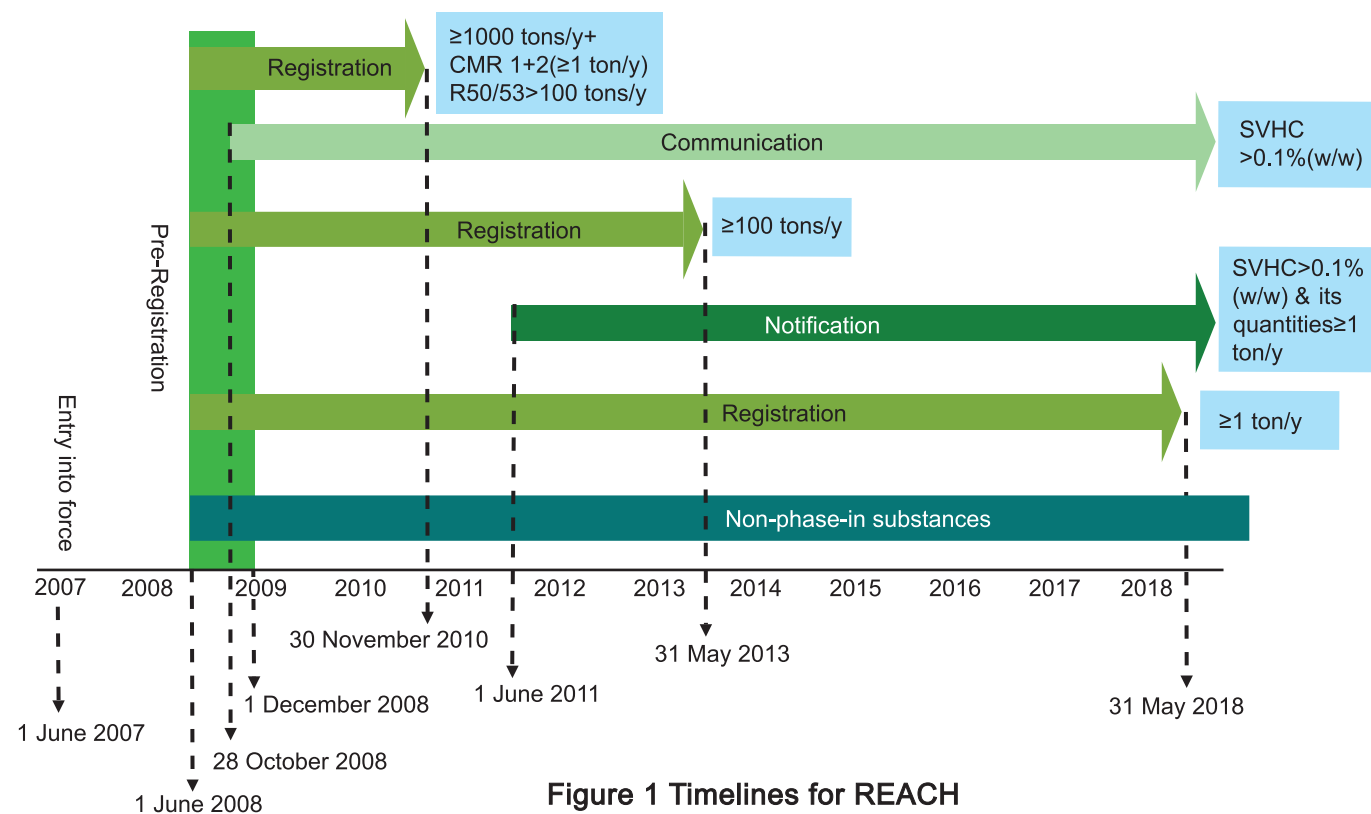


Figure 1 Timelines for REACH

Main Features of REACH

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC)

SVHC including:

- CMR - Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or Toxic (for reproduction) Chemicals classified under Directive 67/548/EEC
- PBT - Persistent, Bio-accumulative and Toxic
- vPvB - very Persistent and very Bio-accumulative

From 28 October 2008, EU & EEA suppliers of articles which contain substances on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w) must provide sufficient information, available to them, to their customers on request of consumers within 45 days of the receipt of this request. This information must ensure safe use of the article and, as a minimum, include the name of a substance.

(Remark: ECHA constantly update and release the SVHC candidate list)



Only Representative, OR

Non-EU manufacturers or importers must appoint an OR in EU to meet their technical and legal responsibilities under REACH.

- Registration
- Communication
- Notification

Notification

Suppliers of articles have the obligation of Notification to ECHA if their article contains a substance on the Candidate List. This obligation applies if the substance is present above 0.1% (w/w) and its quantities in the produced / imported articles are above 1 tonne in total per year per company.

- For substances included in the Candidate List before 1 December 2010, the notifications have to be submitted not later than 1 June 2011.
- For substances included in the Candidate List on or after 1 December 2010, the notifications have to be submitted no later than 6 months after the inclusion.

Our Comprehensive Services for REACH

CMA Testing offers comprehensive, cost effective and one-stop services, right through from keeping you informed of all the latest developments, to fulfill your specific registration and authorisation needs:

- SVHC Screening Test/ Hazardous Substances Identification
- Comprehensive support by Consultancy Package
- Bill Of Substance (BOS) Establishment
- Only Representative for Communication, Notification and Late Pre-registration
- Strategic Chemical Testing Recommendation
- Training and Workshop

