

How We Can Help

The day-to-day running of a business is time consuming enough without additional compliance work. HFL Risk Services has an enviable reputation for high quality consultancy services within the chemical and process industries.

Our dedicated teams are able to perform or manage the entire REACH process on your behalf. We have developed methodologies that can help you to comply with the Regulation in a cost-effective and efficient manner – enabling your key personnel to concentrate on core activities.

Specifically we can:

- Help you to identify those substances and preparations that need to be considered
- Obtain the necessary toxicological and physio-chemical data
- Assess the potential uses of the substance
- Prepare Chemical Safety Assessment Reports
- Determine status and registration requirements
- Compile data in IUCLID 5 (International Uniform Chemical Information Database: version 5) format
- Develop a register of substances
- Determine manufacturing and downstream use data
- Research the physicochemical, health and environmental properties
- Identify other registrants and coordinate the data sharing process within SIEFs (Substance Information Exchange Forum)
- Develop the Registration Dossiers; Technical Dossiers, Chemical Safety Reports and Risk Assessments
- Advise on/manage the implementation of risk reduction measures



Managing REACH

What is REACH?

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals and is one of the most complex and far-reaching pieces of legislation ever to originate from Brussels.

It is a Regulation which has been introduced to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment and will apply to companies which manufacture or import substances on their own, in preparations or in articles.

Under REACH, manufacturers, importers and downstream users must ensure that they only manufacture, place on the market or use substances that do not adversely affect human health or the environment. The new Regulation promises to bring about improvements in innovation and competitiveness in the EU chemicals industry; a more simple and ordered regulatory system; a reduced dependence on fossil fuels; and cost savings in raw materials and law suits. REACH reverses the burden of proof and puts the responsibility on the producer and importer to show substances are safe before they can be placed on the market.

Does it Apply to My Company?

If you manufacture or import chemical substances greater than or equal to 1 tonne/year, then the short answer is "YES." You will be required by law to submit a registration dossier to the Regulator. This must contain information on the physicochemical, health and environmental properties of the substances and assessments of how these substances can be used in a safe manner. Downstream users need to assure themselves that substances are registered for their particular use.



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What's Involved?

REACH is a highly complex and time consuming Regulation, which is why registration of the substances concerned has been prioritised based on the amount produced or imported annually. All substances must go through one or more stages of REACH and failure to register a substance will make it unlawful to import or manufacture that substance in the EU.

Companies wishing to take advantage of phase-in arrangements for substances that were on the EU market prior to the June 2007 cut-off should have pre-registered by December 2008. This requires the supply of basic information to enable quantification of substances and identification of registrants to enable the sharing of data with other registrants to avoid the undertaking of unnecessary testing on animals.

For phase-in substances, which are manufactured or imported in quantities of 1 tonne or more per year and which have been pre-registered between 1st June 2008 and 30th November 2008 (inclusive), the full registration provisions are applied in a stepwise way to facilitate the transition to REACH.

REACH Timescales

1st June 2008 to 30th November 2008

Pre-registration; the submission of minimal information relating to the quantities and use of substances. Failure to pre-register will prevent importers and manufacturers from taking advantage of the phase-in arrangements.

30th November 2010

Registration of phase-in substances imported or manufactured that are classified as:

- carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction, category 1 or 2, in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC and manufactured in the Community or imported, in quantities greater than 1 tonne/year.

- very toxic to aquatic organisms which may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment (R50/53) in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC, and manufactured in the Community or imported in quantities greater than 100 tonnes/year per manufacturer or per importer.
- any phase-in substances manufactured in the Community or imported, in quantities greater than 1,000 tonnes/year per manufacturer or per importer.

31st May 2013

Registration of substances imported or manufactured in quantities of 100 -1,000 tonnes/year per manufacturer or per importer.

31st May 2018

Registration of phase-in substances manufactured in the Community or imported, in quantities reaching 1-100 tonnes/year per manufacturer or per importer.

