

# **REACH**Priority Tasks for Industry

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REACH, Final Countdown to Pre-registration and Registration Brussels

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#### Reasons for REACH

- ☐ Chemicals industry in EU: 30,000 companies
- 1.9 million employees
- □ Up to 1981: 100,106 "existing" chemicals on EU inventory
- □ Since 1981 another 4,000 "new" chemicals
- Incomplete or no safety information for 99% of the volume of chemicals we use
- Existing legislation hampered innovation



#### **REACH our Goals**

#### ☐ Goals:

- Protect health and safety
- Protect environment
- Maintaining a competitive/innovative chemicals industry

#### To reach these goals

- Industry priority task: information and communication
- Industry responsibility: ensure chemicals are safe



## (Pre-)registration: Why?

- « No data no market » art. 5
- Registration
  - Make industry responsible to
    - have adequate information to transmit to ECHA
    - systematically assess hazards of substances
    - control risks of dangerous substances
    - risk management measures
  - Priority for high volume and most dangerous substances
- Pre-Registration
  - Bring companies together to
    - exchange information
    - avoid unnecessary testing
  - Phase-in deadlines



## (Pre-)registration - Who?

- Manufacturers of substances and producers of articles with intended release of substances
- Importers



### **Pre-registration: How?**

- Send a simple set of information to ECHA via REACH-IT
  - Substance name
  - Company and contact information
  - Deadline for registration and tonnage band
- "Bulk-pre-registration" possible
  For companies with a large set of substances
- Pre-registration is free of charge



## Pre-registration and registration: When?

- □ Pre-registration of phase-in substances: from1 June to 1 December 2008
- Registration of new substances: from 1 June 2008



## From pre-registration to "pre-SIEF"

- SIEF: Substance Information Exchange Forum
- After pre-registration, a substance website will be formed for each EINECS/CAS number
- All potential registrants can see:
  - Each others' contact details
  - Contact details and information from data holders
  - Identified read-across possibilities
  - Free fields for short announcements



## From pre-registration to "pre-SIEF"

- Potential registrants within pre-SIEF to check whether their substances are the same
- ☐ Agreement on the sameness: SIEF is "born" (Article 29)



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## When to (pre-)register?

Timeline REACH phase-in period (not in scale)

Note that phase-in registration requires

≥ 1t/a 31 May 2018

Entry into force
1 June 2007

Pre-registration 1 June 2008 – 1 Dec. 2008 Agency publishes List 1.1. 2009

Registration of 'new' substances

≥1000 t/a

CMR ≥1 t/a

R50/53 ≥100 t/a

30 Nov.

2010

100 - 1000 t/a 31 May 2013

C&L notification (independent of tonnage)



### Prepare for REACH: identify your role

- Identify your role (manufacturer, importer, downstream user)
- Make inventory of substances and their uses
- Check whether or not your substances are exempted
- Study guidance documents
- Plan ahead
  - Timely data generation and assessment
- Communicate in the supply chain:
  - Develop partnerships
  - Discuss how to meet their needs and yours
  - Develop exposure scenarios



### Where to turn for help:

- 1. Check the legislation (available in all EU languages) (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:396:SOM:EN:HTML)
- 2. Check the Guidance website (http://echa.europa.eu)
- 3. Check the Frequently Asked Questions on the ECHA website (http://echa.europa.eu)
- 4. Talk to your colleagues, business associations, industry helpdesks
- Contact your national helpdesk (addresses can be found on <a href="http://echa.europa.eu">http://echa.europa.eu</a>)



#### Conclusion

- □ Prepare for (pre-)registration
- ☐ Pre-register before 1 December 2008
- □ Register new substance from 1 June 2008
- Benefit from extended deadlines for registration after 1 December 2008
- Talk to industry partners
- Participate in SIEF