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- Review of substance portfolio and regulatory status assessment
- Evaluation of obligations under REACH
- (Late) REACH preregistration
- Preparation of IUCLID dossiers
- Submission of REACH registrations
- Only Representative pursuant to REACH article 8
- Compilation of chemical safety assessments
- Creation of CLP compliant material safety data sheets
- Client representation in consortia and at authorities
- Communication along supply chain

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REACH
Only Representative Service

Your easy way into the European market

What is REACH?

REACH is the Regulation (EC) No. 1907/ 2006 of the European Parliament concerning the **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorization and Restriction of **Ch**emicals. Its primary aim is to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals that are placed on the European market.
REACH is connected to the CLP regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on the **C**lassification, **L**abeling and **P**ackaging of substances and mixtures. This regulation demands that hazards presented by chemicals are clearly communicated to workers and consumers in the European Union.

In principle, REACH and CLP apply to all chemical substances; not only those used in industrial processes but also for end-consumer use, for example in cleaning products, paints as well as in articles such as clothes, furniture and electrical appliances. Therefore, these regulations have an impact on most companies that deal with products for the EU-market.

How is your company affected?

To comply with the REACH regulation, companies must identify and manage the risks linked to the substances they manufacture or market in the EU. REACH places the burden of proof on companies. They have to demonstrate to the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) how the substance can be safely used, and they must communicate the risk management measures to the users.

Every manufacturer or importer of substances above 1 ton/year (with a few exemptions) must submit a registration dossier to ECHA to legally place the products on the market.
Additionally, if a substance of very high concern (SVHC) – e.g. carcinogenic or bio-accumulative – is contained in an article above 0.1 %, a notification to ECHA is required or proof has to be shown that exposure of the substance can be excluded.

What is an Only Representative?

REACH applies only to legal entities established in the European Economic Area. Companies based outside Europe may not directly fulfill any obligations under REACH. As a consequence, customers of a non-European supplier have to fulfill all obligations under the regulations of REACH as an importer – which is a distinct disadvantage in comparison to purchasing from a European manufacturer. However, non-EU companies may appoint a European-based Only Representative to take over the tasks and responsibilities for complying with the regulations pursuant to REACH article 8.

This can simplify access to the European market, secure the supply and reduce the responsibilities for the European user. Customers of a manufacturer with an Only Representative are then regarded as downstream users and do not need to fulfill the REACH registrations obligations as an importer. This is a competitive advantage in a regulated market.