



REACH

Has been adopted –
What comes next?

The “R” in REACH Conference 2007

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Commission's Interim Strategy

□ Commission's practical preparations

- Before REACH coming into force: Jan 2004 – 2007
- In co-operation with industry and MS

□ REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs):

- RIP 1: Process descriptions (available on COM website)
- RIP 2: Development of IT systems (REACH-IT)
- RIP 3/4: Guidance Documents (industry/authorities)
- RIP 5/6: Preparation for start-up of Agency
- RIP 7: Commission preparations

□ Strategic partnerships



Start-up (1)

☐ 1 June 2007

- Titles I, IV, XII, XIII, IV commence;
- Agency – commences in Helsinki, FIN;

☐ 1 June 2008

- Titles II, III, V, VI, VII, X and XI commence.
 - Begin pre-registration for phase-in substances
 - Begin registration of new substances
- Most current legislation ceases (new/existing substances).

☐ 1 December 2008

- Deadline – pre-registration of phase-in substances

☐ 1 June 2009

- First recommendation for Annex XIV substances (every 2 years)
 - Title VIII and Annex XVII applies (76/769 repealed)
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Start-up (2)

☐ 30 November 2010

- Registration deadline for substances of 1000 tonnes and more
- + R50/53 substances 100 tonnes and more
- + CMR substances 1 tonne or more

☐ 1 December 2011

- First Community Rolling Action Plan

☐ 31 May 2013

- Registration deadline for substances of 100 - 999 tonnes

☐ 31 May 2018

- Registration deadline of for substances of 1 - 99 tonnes
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General

- Nominate REACH CA
 - by 1 June 2007
 - National Helpdesk
 - by 1 June 2007
 - Plan (COM and MSs)
 - Qualifications?
 - Staff?
 - Structures?
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Regulations

Test Method Regulation

- Vote by REACH Committee August/September

Fee Regulation

- Consultation of REACH CAs in September

Board of Appeal: Qualifications and Procedures

- Qualifications: July 5 vote;
 - Procedures: before 1 June 2008
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Reviews

By 1 June 2008

- Annex I
- Annexes IV and V

By 1 December 2008

- Annex XIII
- Annex XI.3

By 1 June 2012

- Scope
- European Chemicals Agency

By 1 June 2013

- Endocrine disruptors excluded from adequate control route (Art. 60(3))?
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Preparation: Registrants

- “R” in REACH is the end, not the beginning
 - “E” in REACH, “testing proposal” is a partnership
 - the rest of “E”, “A” (and restrictions) in REACH are ”enforcement”
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Preparation: Registrants

- Identify uses
 - Collect/Generate information
 - Assess Information to obtain
 - Classification and Labelling
 - Chemical Safety Report
 - Safety Data Sheet
 - Implement Exposure Scenarios
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Preparation: Registrants

- Make an inventory of your substances and uses
 - Study guidance developed:
 - <http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/>
 - ECHA web site
 - Communicate in the supply chain
 - Develop partnerships
 - Discuss how to meet their needs and yours
 - Develop exposure scenarios
 - Plan for the future
 - Don't leave data generation and assessment too late
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Preparation: Downstream users

- Make an inventory of your substances and their uses.
 - Assess any current difficulties in chemical risk management.
 - Study guidance developed
 - <http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/> (particularly RIP 3.5) and ECHA web site
 - Develop business plans for the future (incl if will identify uses).
 - Communicate in the supply chain with suppliers and customers regarding your expectations. Develop partnerships. Discuss how to meet their needs and yours.
 - Develop exposure scenarios if necessary.
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Conclusions

- REACH is a reality.
 - REACH will have many benefits and is an opportunity to rebuild confidence in chemicals
 - Agency and MSs are main actors in implementation
 - Commission has continuing role in implementation
 - Start preparing your company now (or even better: last year)
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Information

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Thank you!

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/chemicals/index.htm>

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/chemicals/index.htm>