



REACH

Priority Tasks for Industry

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**REACH, Final Countdown to Pre-registration and Registration
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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: from 1 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”

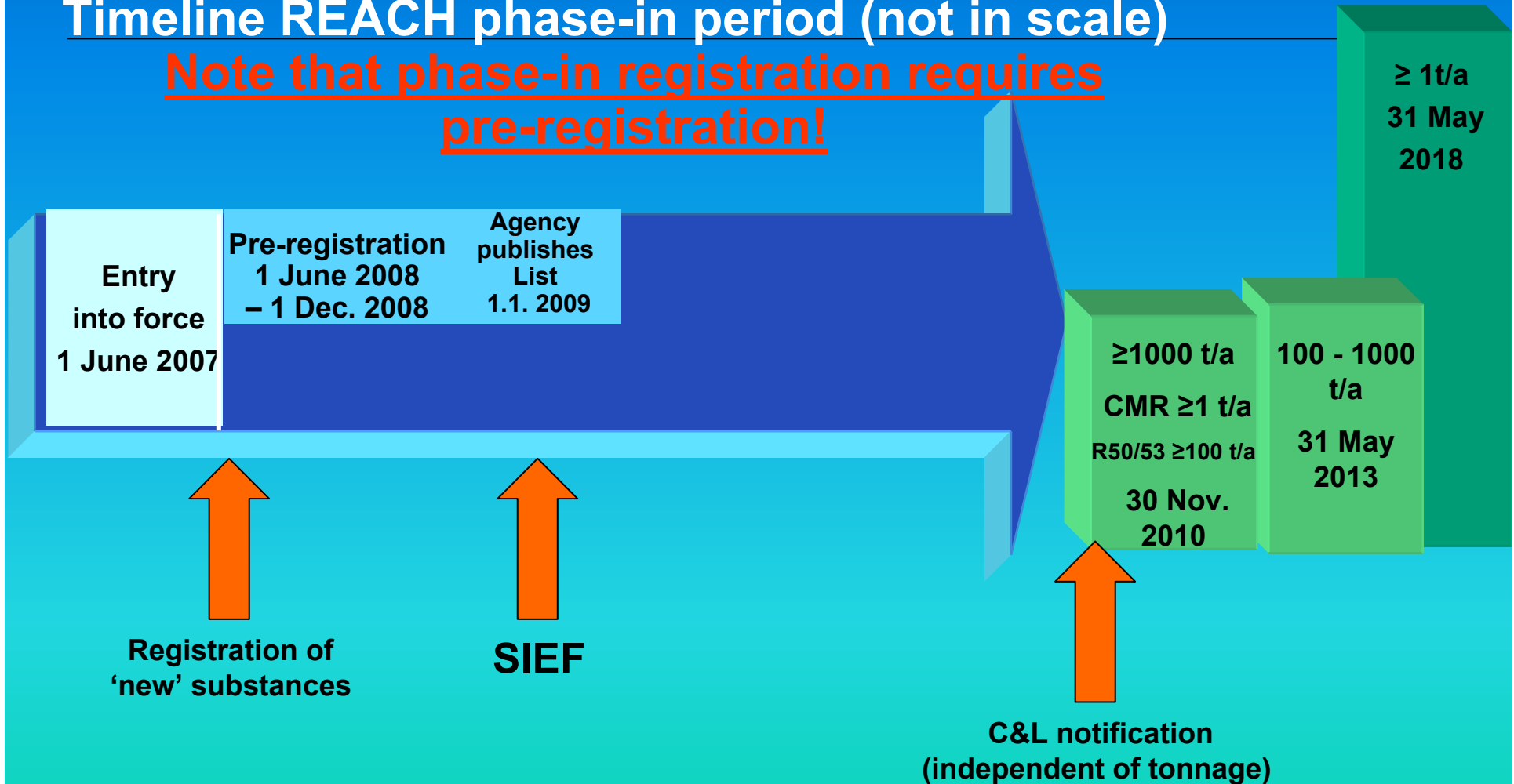
- Potential registrants within pre-SIEF to check whether their substances are the same
- Agreement on the sameness: SIEF is “born” (Article 29)



When to (pre-)register?

Timeline REACH phase-in period (not in scale)

Note that phase-in registration requires pre-registration!





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
5. Contact your national helpdesk (addresses can be found on <http://echa.europa.eu>)



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