

SIEF, where do I fit in?

SIEFs bring together companies registering the same substance so that they can share data. This reduces costs and prevents duplication of animal testing.

If you need to register by 31 May 2013:

Check in REACH-IT who has pre-registered the same substance.

Confirm that you intend to register the same substance and form the SIEF.

Identify, if the Lead Registrant has already been nominated for the SIEF and let them know that you will register in 2013.

If there is no Lead Registrant, contact other SIEF members to quickly nominate one. Every SIEF must have a Lead Registrant!

Share data with others – inform them of the extent to which you want to be involved in the dossiers preparation.

The Lead Registrant will submit the joint dossier on behalf of the SIEF members.

Don't forget that you also have to submit a dossier for your own company and pay the registration fee.



Useful links:

REACH:
<http://guidance.echa.europa.eu>

REACH obligations:
http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/navigator_en.htm

SIEF:
<http://echa.europa.eu/sief>

Information on 2013 registration deadline:
<http://echa.europa.eu/2013>

REACH and Small, Medium Size Enterprises:
http://echa.europa.eu/sme_en.asp

REACH-IT:
<http://echa.europa.eu/reachit>

Downstream users:
<http://echa.europa.eu/downstream>

National Helpdesks:
<http://echa.europa.eu/helpdesk>

REACH 2013

Important registration deadline is approaching

ACT NOW!



Producing, importing or using chemicals?

31 May 2013 is the second, very important deadline for registrants under REACH. All substances manufactured or imported above 100 tonnes per year have to be registered.

What do I have to do

Submit registration documents to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The dossier consists of a common part (joint dossier), prepared and submitted together with other manufacturers and importers of the same substance, and an individual dossier, containing specific information for your company.

To prepare your dossier, you will need to share data with the members of your Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF). SIEF pages on ECHA's website provide you with an overview of your rights and duties.

The registration dossier is prepared with a software called IUCLID and submitted with a web application called REACH-IT. A dedicated section on ECHA's website guides you through the submission process.

Only manufacturers or importers of chemicals have to register.

If you are a downstream user using chemicals in high quantities, check ECHA's website for information on registered substances and on those intended for registration in 2013. Downstream users should communicate their uses to their suppliers by 31 May 2012 at the latest. The information communicated needs to be sufficient to allow suppliers to carry out an exposure assessment.

REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

Objectives

- Protecting health and the environment
- More innovation
- More competitiveness

Start now!

If you need to register by 31 May 2013, start preparing as soon as possible - it takes time to compile a registration dossier. Reserve adequate time for organising the SIEF, start the work now!

Also consider that you may have to submit substantial information individually. Do not underestimate this work!

How much will it cost?

The registration fee is paid to ECHA. The amount depends on the tonnage of your substance and the size of your company. For SMEs the fee can be reduced up to 90%.

You will also need to pay for registration data obtained from other SIEF members. The amount to pay depends on various factors such as how many companies share the costs within the SIEF and how many studies you need. You only have to pay for data that you need for your own registration.

How does the SIEF work?

Each SIEF nominates a Lead Registrant, who submits the joint dossier. Lead Registrants should communicate their nomination to ECHA. Check and follow Lead Registrant's instructions or requests.

Some registrants have also formed a consortium. Companies of the consortium are equal partners with all other potential registrants in the SIEF, as participation in the SIEF is mandatory and foreseen by REACH. Even if you are not in a consortium, the SIEF must still share data with you.

SIEF - Substance Information Exchange Forum

Objectives

Maximised data sharing;
avoidance of unnecessary animal testing and reduction of costs of testing for industry
Agreement on the classification and labelling of the substance



What if I export to the EU?

You cannot register yourself. In this case REACH obligations must be fulfilled by your importers or by a company established in the European Union that has been nominated as your Only Representative.

Where can I get help?

First, consult the ECHA website; you will find specific web pages on SIEFs, guidance documents and IT tools and Frequently Asked Questions. There are also national REACH helpdesks in every EU country, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway and an ECHA helpdesk.

Industry associations, the Enterprise Europe Network and chambers of commerce can also help.

REACH registration steps:

Form a SIEF
Share data in your SIEF
Identify data gaps

Prepare the joint and individual dossiers
Submit the joint and individual dossiers
Pay the registration fee

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

31 May 2013
≥ 100 tonnes/year

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

31 May 2018
≥ 1 tonne/year

