

Information about the REACH Regulation

Dear Sirs,

The regulation (EC) 1907/2006 for the registration, classification, admission, and restriction of chemical agents (REACH Regulation) came into force on 1st June, 2007.

According to the REACH Regulation all agents (as such and in preparation) that are produced or imported in a quantity of more than 1 ton per year have to be registered (Polymers are excluded from the registration).

The registration will be effected in a period of 3.5 years (agents >1000 tons/year as well as notably hazardous agents) and of 11 years (agents of 1 to 100 tons/year) after the Regulation is in force.

For all agents available on the market, the registration phase has started with the pre-registration that has to be completed up to 1st December, 2008.

Within the supply chain described in the REACH Regulation we have the status of the subsequent user. The preparations themselves produced by us cannot be (pre-)registered.

We are actively in discussion with our suppliers and we assume that all agents used by us are pre-registered by our suppliers (or by us in case of a direct importation).

You can quickly determine your own role and your obligations with respect to REACH at the REACH helpdesk of the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BauA). This is the national helpdesk for the industry which is officially entrusted by the REACH Agency ECHA, Helsinki, and provides a simple request function "What is REACH?" showing your duties under REACH (www.reach-helpdesk.de).

The REACH Regulation also comprises the regulations for the safety data sheet (SDB). The SDB remains the central element within the communication between supplier and customer with respect to safety questions and usages for agents as well as for preparations. The SDB will be completed by an enclosure describing the exposition of humans and environment (so-called exposition scenarios) when using the agent/preparation.

These scenarios shall cover the applications of our customers. We are currently preparing a branch specific solution on the basis of the guide lines published by the ECHA.

After consultation with our raw material suppliers, at present, we assume that the raw materials subject to registration contained in our preparations are pre-registered or registered resp. by our suppliers.

If you have further queries concerning REACH, please contact Mr Stefan Tiede – Laboratory – +49 (0231) 4257798-546 – tiede@murdotec.de who will be pleased to give you further advice.

Best regards

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