

BauschLinnemann information on REACH



Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals.

What is REACH?

REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals. It came into force on 1st June 2007.

Who is affected?

REACH affects all manufacturers and importers of chemical substances as well as their customers. All companies manufacturing chemical substances in or importing them into the EU in quantities of one tonne or more are subject to the REACH regulations.

No data, no market:

A major part of REACH is the requirement for manufacturers or importers of substances to register them with a central European Chemicals Agency. If you do not register your substances, then the data on them will not be available and as a result, you will no longer be able to manufacture or supply them legally, i.e. no data, no market!

Information in the supply chain:

The passage of information up and down the supply chain is a key feature of REACH. Users should be able to understand what manufacturers and importers know about the dangers involved in using chemicals and how to control risks. However, in order for suppliers to be able to assess these risks they need information from the users about how they are used. REACH provides a framework in which information can be passed both up and down supply chains.

Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC):

Some substances have hazards that have serious consequences, e.g. they cause cancer (carcinogenic), or they have other harmful properties and remain in the environment for a long time (persistent) and gradually build up in animals (bioaccumulative). These are "substances of very high concern". This category also includes substances demonstrated to be of equivalent concern, such as "endocrine disruptors". One of the aims of REACH is to control the use of such substances via authorisation and encourage industry to substitute these substances for safer ones.

Responsibility under REACH:

At BauschLinnemann, we can assure that our products are free from SVHC and that our products are up to all demands of REACH.

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