



REACH

REACH is the new European Regulation, (EC) No 1907/2006, on chemicals, that has been adopted by the European Parliament in December 2006 and has taken effect on June 1st, 2007. This legislation will over the coming years (2010-2018) regulate the registration and risk analysis of chemical substances and will have a major impact on all manufacturers, importers and downstream users of chemicals in the European Union.

CRC Industries Europe has set up a steering group (CRC REACH team) at European level under the leadership of the President Europe to lead the implementation of the new requirements under REACH, and to evaluate the implications of this new legislation on its products and business. The steering group's initial conclusion is that the availability of the CRC product range is not likely to be impacted by REACH and will continue to be available in the long term.

Since June 1st and until November 30th, 2008 companies have the opportunity to pre-register their substances, produced and imported into the EU.

For products imported from outside Europe above 1 ton, CRC will act as importer and pre-register the substances used in these products, within the set time frame.

For products produced in Europe, the CRC REACH team however is not allowed by the REACH regulation to pre-register and register products itself as it is not the manufacturer of the substances used in the raw materials and preparations.

To make sure that all substances used in CRC formulas will be pre-registered in time, the CRC REACH team is in close contact with its many suppliers and in certain cases with the suppliers of its suppliers to follow-up the pre-registration. CRC is still very confident that finally all substances present in its formulations will be pre-registered.

CRC commits itself to react quickly in the exceptional case it would be informed about a raw material which would not be pre-registered in finding a new supplier or by reformulating the product. Unless CRC would inform you otherwise you should be reassured that the total CRC product range will remain available.

Once the pre-registration of substances will be finalized, the phase of registration will start. This will take two to nine years starting on January 1st, 2009 depending on the quantities produced. For all dangerous substances, produced or imported above 10 tons, and preparations containing those substances covered by the REACH regulations the Customer will receive a new extended safety data sheet which will contain one or more exposure scenarios. Again, the CRC REACH team will work close together with its suppliers to make sure that all the substances are registered for the applications and exposure scenarios relevant to our customers. However, CRC cannot be held liable if for certain products the customer's use would not be covered by the exposure scenarios which will be found back in the safety data sheets.

CRC's goal is to make the transition to the new legislation as smooth as possible for its customers and CRC is confident it will be able to continue the supply of its products as usual.

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