

SIEF: where do you fit in?

SIEFs bring together businesses registering the same substance so they can share data on it. This reduces costs and avoids duplication of animal testing.

If you need to register by 30 November 2010:

Check on the REACH-IT site to see who else is in your SIEF (other companies that have pre-registered the same substance).

Identify if there is a Lead Registrant already nominated and let them know that you will register in 2010.

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

Share data with others – decide to what extent you want to be involved in the dossier's preparation.

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

Don't forget that you also have to submit an individual file for your own business and pay your registration fee.

Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP)

New rules on CLP mean substances need to be reclassified by 1 December 2010 and mixtures by 1 June 2015.

Manufacturers and importers need to notify ECHA by 3 January 2011 of the classification of substances placed on the market that are:

- subject to REACH Registration (for substances to be registered by 30 November 2010, notification will be part of the registration dossier);
- classified as hazardous (regardless of volume!);
- in mixtures above certain concentration limits, which result in the need for classification.

Find out more:

SIEF:
http://echa.europa.eu/sief_en.asp

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

REACH-IT:
http://echa.europa.eu/reachit_en.asp

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

CLP:
http://echa.europa.eu/clp_en.asp



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REACH & CLP
2010: A key year
for Chemicals
Registration and
Notification
Act Now!



Producing or importing chemicals?

30 November 2010 is the deadline under REACH for registration of most hazardous substances (e.g. CMR) above 1 tonne per year, for substances very toxic to the aquatic environment above 100 tonnes per year, or substances manufactured or imported above 1 000 tonnes per year.

What do I have to do?

Submit a registration dossier to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) consisting of a common part prepared and submitted together with other manufacturers or importers of the same substance, and an individual part containing information that is specific to your company.

To prepare your dossier, you will need to share data with others in a Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF).

The registration dossier is submitted in a software called REACH-IT.

Only manufacturers or importers of chemicals must register, downstream users don't have to.

Start now!

If you need to register by 30 November 2010, start working on it as soon as possible.

There is not much time left for data sharing in the SIEF!

And the information you will have to submit individually could be substantial.

How much will it cost?

Registration fees are paid to ECHA – depending on the tonnage of chemicals and size of company.

You will also need to pay for registration data obtained from other SIEF members. The amount to pay depends on how many companies share these costs within the SIEF. You only pay for data you need, and at the time you actually need them.

How does the SIEF work?

Each SIEF nominates a Lead Registrant who submits the joint dossier – check and follow their instructions or requests.

Some SIEFs have consortia. Participation in the SIEF is mandatory, joining a consortium is not.

What if I export to the EU?

You cannot register yourself. REACH obligations in this case must be fulfilled by your importers or by a company established in the European Union you nominate as your Only Representative.

SIEF – Substance Information Exchange Forum

Objectives

Maximised data-sharing = avoidance of unnecessary animal testing and reduction of costs of testing for industry.

Where can I get help?

First consult the ECHA website – you will find specific webpages on SIEFs, guidance documents and IT tools and Frequently Asked Questions. There is also a REACH/CLP national helpdesk in every EU country and an ECHA helpdesk.

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

REACH – Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

Objectives

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

Time to register for REACH

REACH registration steps:

- Share data in your SIEF
- Prepare the joint and individual submission

1ST REGISTRATION DEADLINE
30 November 2010

≥ 1 tonne/year CMRs
≥ 100 tonnes/year very toxic to aquatic environment
≥ 1 000 tonnes a year

31 May 2013

100 tonnes/year

31 May 2018

1 tonne/year



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