

REACH - Timeline

If you have responsibilities under REACH then you need to know what you should be doing and when. This leaflet gives the REACH timeline, showing the start times and deadlines for the most important tasks and activities.

What is REACH?

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) is the system for controlling chemicals in Europe. It became law in the UK on 1 June 2007.

What should I have been doing since 1 June 2007?

By reading this leaflet now and finding out more about REACH you are already starting to do what is needed. UK REACH CA Information Leaflet Numbers [2 \(Manufacturers\)](#), [3 \(Importers\)](#) & [4 \(Users\)](#) will help you work out your role under REACH – i.e. whether you are manufacturer, importer and/or downstream user of chemicals. What you need to do next will depend on your role.

What next and when?

Fortunately not everything has to be done at once – that would be impossible. The different tasks and activities will be phased in over a strict timeline that is laid out in the following two tables.

Table 1: Summary of key milestones and tasks for duty holders

Key Date	Milestone and task
1 June 2007	<p>Entry into force of REACH.</p> <p>Supply of new REACH-style Safety Data Sheets (SDS) to commence. There are 4 principal (but minor) changes to the format and content of SDS that REACH has brought in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The swapping round of Sections 2 and 3 (i.e. what was section 2 becomes section 3 and section 3 becomes section 2);• Provision of an appropriate contact email address;• The SDS shall be supplied in an official language of the Member State(s) where the substance or preparation is placed on the market, unless the Member State(s) concerned provide otherwise; and• Inclusion of registration numbers, as and when applicable. <p>If a SDS is not required, suppliers are required to pass the following information down the supply chain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the registration number, as and when applicable• if the substance is subject to authorisation and details of any authorisation granted or denied in this supply chain;• details of any restriction(s) imposed;• any other available and relevant information about the substance that is necessary to enable appropriate risk management measures to be identified and applied. <p>Where a SDS is already in place, it should be updated at the first available opportunity, for example at the next routine update or when new information becomes available.</p>
1 June 2008	Registration begins for non-phase-in substances (i.e. “new” substances)

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	when manufactured or imported into the EU at 1 tonne per annum (tpa) or more for the first time.
1 June 2008 – 1 Dec 2008	Pre-registration period for phase-in substances (i.e. “existing substances”) manufactured in or imported into the EU at 1 tpa or more. This will lead to the formation of a Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) for each substance, bringing together those who have pre-registered it.
1 Dec 2008	Registration required for phase-in substances that were not pre-registered.
By 1 Dec 2010	Registration deadline for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> substances supplied at ≥ 1000 tpa; substances classified under CHIP¹ as Very Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment (R50/53) at ≥ 100 tpa; substances classified under CHIP as Category 1 or 2 CMR² at ≥ 1 tpa assuming they have been pre-registered
By 1 June 2013	Registration deadline for substances supplied at ≥ 100 tpa - assuming they have been pre-registered.
By 1 June 2018	Registration deadline for substances supplied at ≥ 1 tpa - assuming they have been pre-registered.

1 – CHIP – Chemical (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002

2 – CMR- Substances that are Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or toxic to Reproduction (Category 1 and 2)

What about other activities that will affect me?

It's not only manufacturers, importers or users of a chemical that have roles and responsibilities under REACH. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is also responsible for many activities. Some of those most directly affecting duty holders are listed below. The lists referred to below will be published on the ECHA website (<http://ec.europa.eu/echa/>)

Table 2: Summary of tasks for the ECHA

Deadline	Task	What this could mean for you
1 Jan 2009	Publication of the preliminary list of pre-registered substances.	Downstream users and other stakeholders who hold data on a substance will be able to indicate this to the relevant Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) via the REACH-IT system.
1 June 2009	Deadline for publication by ECHA of the recommended first list of priority substances to be authorised.	Once the Agency's priority list (which is taken from the candidate list) is published, you will know the deadline for submission to ECHA of an authorisation dossier on the substance.
1 Dec 2011	Preparation of the first Community Rolling Action Plan of substances to be evaluated each year.	You will know whether your substance is to be subject to an in depth evaluation by Member State Competent Authorities and the European Chemicals Agency.
1 Dec 2012	Draft decisions on testing proposals	You will know what testing (if any) is required

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	submitted with the first round of registrations received by 1 Dec 2010	for your registered substances
1 June 2016	Draft decision on testing proposals submitted with the second round of registrations received by 1 June 2013	You will know what testing (if any) is required for your registered substances
1 June 2022	Draft decision on testing proposals submitted with the third round of registrations received by 1 June 2018	You will know what testing (if any) is required for your registered substances

Further information

For advice on the application of REACH obligations, you can contact the UK REACH Competent Authority's national helpdesk:

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