



REACH – A Jotun Perspective





Aims of this presentation

- To identify key stages of what needs to be done to achieve compliance with REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals) Regulations
- To formulate an action plan with time scales and responsibilities
- To periodically review and take corrective actions where the plan is not on target



What are the key stages?/ 1

- Look at all the raw materials and intermediate products (preparations/ substances) that go into current products – gather information on quantities, suppliers, hazardous properties
- Look at raw materials with higher hazards and tonnage that are critical to key finished products
- Ascertain geographical sources of these key raw materials (EU or non EU)
- Establish a dialogue with these suppliers with a view to ensuring that they will Pre-register and follow through the materials we are interested in – especially the smaller local companies
- Contact key customers and let them know that Jotun would be taking all necessary steps to ensure continued supply



What are the key stages?/ 2

- Work closely with trade associations (British Coatings Federation at UK level and CEPE at European level) to develop a common industry strategy
- Carry out a screening process to highlight all products/ raw materials that will need further work on exposure scenarios & chemical safety reports based on their classification
- Allocate roles and responsibilities for the product stewardship – SDS, labelling, Chemical safety assessments & chemical safety reports, documentation



Action Plan/ 1

- Corporate Product Safety Group (PSG) to identify all raw materials and finished products that would come within the scope of REACH by late 2007 & get Suppliers to pre-register relevant chemicals with European Chemicals Bureau. Jotun will not register any substances unless absolutely necessary.
- Local REACH Coordinators in the EU to supply details of any non-corporate substances to the PSG by late 2007.
- PSG to identify substances not likely to be presented for Authorisation by Suppliers, review the implications on Jotun finished products and advise relevant manufacturing sites of potential loss of key raw materials & suggest alternatives – mid 2008



Action Plan/ 2

- PSG to allocate responsibility to teams for identifying customer uses & exposure scenarios based on hazard characteristics – mid 2008. This will be based on dialogue between customers and Jotun.
- Key substances supplied from outside EU will be a priority target to get them pre-registered and ensure that the suppliers are in the process of getting Authorisation – responsibility PSG team.



Review and corrective actions

- REACH Program Manager and EU based local REACH Co-ordinators will meet at least twice a year to check on progress against this Action Plan and take corrective actions where required to ensure full compliance with REACH
- This is indeed a resource and knowledge intensive exercise and Senior Managers of individual companies are well advised to prepare for compliance NOW! [If they haven't started yet!]
- Finally – Jotun sees REACH not as a threat but as an opportunity to ensure better living and working environment for all
- Those who work with a positive attitude will reap rewards of a stronger financial status and public acceptance.



Resources available to UK Companies/ 1

- Support is available from various sources such as:
- HSE helpdesk: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2006/e06101.htm>
- ECB: <http://ecb.jrc.it/REACH/>
- Trade associations such as
- CIA (no, not the Criminal Investigation Agency) (<http://www.cia.org.uk/>)
- British Coatings Federation – <http://www.coatings.org.uk/>



Resources/ 2

- Chemical Hazards Communication Society
<http://www.chcs.org.uk/>
- Private Consultants – plenty on the Internet
- University of Hull has a post graduate Course on “REACH”
<http://www.hull.ac.uk/05/aboutus/news/mar07/reach.html>