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‘Comply with UK REACH’: what you need to know about the IT system for UK REACH

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the online service ‘Comply with UK REACH’ will replace ECHA’s REACH-IT platform for UK REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals).

From the day the UK leaves the EU, you will be able to use the service to:

- validate existing UK-held EU registrations (‘grandfathering’)
- submit downstream user import notifications (DUIN)
- submit new substance registrations
- submit new product and process orientated research and development (PPORD) notifications

However, you will need to communicate with HSE by email to ensure you fulfil the following obligations:

- validate existing UK-held PPORDs (‘grandfathering’);
- provide information on any authorisation matter (including new authorisation application, grandfathering of existing authorisations, and downstream user notifications of authorised uses).

Get your information from ECHA’s REACH-IT

To be ready for using UK REACH, it’s a good idea to access your ECHA REACH-IT account and download all the information you hold there.

There is no guarantee that UK users will be able to retain access to ECHA REACH-IT once the UK leaves the EU and you will need your registration confirmation documents and ECHA decisions to comply with UK REACH.

Your UK REACH account

Once the system is live, you will be able to sign in with a Government Gateway account if you already have one. If you don't have one, you will be asked to create one.

Each Legal Entity may only have one Defra (and therefore UK REACH) account. The first user will be the Legal Entity's Administrator, with the capability to invite other users and set their roles. So, **you should think about who the most appropriate person is to be your first registered user.**

Only Representatives

If you are an Only Representative, once you have opened your account, you will be able to create separate organisation accounts to represent your different clients. These will be connected to your main Legal Entity account for UK REACH, but compartmentalised to protect your clients' confidentiality. You will be able to sign in under each of these separate organisation accounts to submit dossiers on behalf of your clients.

You will be asked to download and fill in a form with the organisation details for each account you want to set up. The Administrator of the main Legal Entity account will then need to email it to the address provided on the form. The setting up of these separate organisation accounts and connections to your main Legal Entity account, will be done on your behalf. The functionality to manage this process yourself is in development.

Validate ('grandfather') your registrations within 120 days

If you are an existing EU REACH registration holder you will need to validate your EU REACH registration(s) within 120 days after exit, for them to continue to be legally recognised in the UK.

To validate registrations, you'll need to upload an IUCLID v.6 dossier on the UK REACH service, the information requirements are specified [here](#). To be ready you can [convert IUCLID 5 \(or earlier\) dossiers to IUCLID 6 format \(.i6z\) using this ECHA manual](#).

You will not have to add any further information to your original IUCLID 5 dossier as business rules checks are not required for initial information dossiers submitted when grandfathering within 120 days of exit.

You will be issued with a UK REACH registration number. This number will be different from your EU REACH registration number.

The grandfathering process will take approximately 5 minutes per-substance and will have to be repeated for each substance. There is no bulk upload facility.

Notify import from EU suppliers

If you are a downstream user or distributor importing a substance in quantities of one tonne per annum or greater from an EU registered EU/EEA supplier in the 2 years prior to the UK leaving the EU, you are required to make a notification of import.

There will be simple online notification process, which will allow you to continue to source your substance from your EU/EEA suppliers for 2 years after the UK leaves the EU.

During this period, you or the EU/EEA exporter (via a UK based Only Representative), will be required to submit a full registration for the substance, if you wish to retain access to the UK market beyond the 2 years.

Submitting a new registration

As with the ECHA system, you will first be required to submit a 'substance inquiry'. You will then be provided with the contact details for existing registrants of the same substance for the purpose of data sharing.

Given the likelihood of another registration for the same substance being either grandfathered, or made in the future, you will then submit your registration dossier as part of a joint submission. Joint submissions will have the same basic facilities as on ECHA's REACH-IT. Further steps will be specified once all UK held EU registrations have been grandfathered.

The procedure and timescales for processing a new registration will be the same as EU REACH.

If you have any initial queries regarding this guidance please submit your questions to: REACH-IT@defra.gov.uk. From exit day we will be providing a dedicated helpline telephone number where all queries should be directed from then on. We will update this page with the new contact details the day before.