

REACH Statement

The new law on chemicals, REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) entered into force on 1st June 2007. The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through earlier and more substantial identification procedures of the properties of chemical substances. However, the legislation is multifaceted and comprehensive in its requirements and implications. The REACH regulation will give greater responsibility to industry to manage the risk from chemicals and to provide safety information on all substances. The benefits of the REACH system will gradually increase, as more and more substance are phased into REACH.

REACH has two primary objectives

- Firstly the completion of an impact evaluation for all chemicals that are marketed in the EC by submitting dossiers to the new European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).
- Secondly, publicising the results from the dossier assessment throughout the chemical supply chain with the aim to minimise the risks associated with the use of chemical products.

REACH timeline

- 1 June 2007 – REACH enters into force
- 1 December 2008 – deadline for all companies intending to register a substance to notify their intention to the EU Chemicals Agency (pre-registration)
- 1 December 2010: Registration deadline for manufacturers/importers supplying a substance of above 1,000 tonnes per year, or a CMR cat. 1 or 2 substance above 1 tonne per year
- 1 June 2013 – registration deadline for manufacturers/importers supplying a substance above 100 tonnes per year
- 1 June 2018 – registration deadline for manufacturers/importers supplying a substance above 1 tonne per year.

The first stage of the REACH process is the pre-registration of all chemicals with the ECHA which began in June 2008. It is anticipated that this process will be complete by November 2008. Priority will be given for the submission of complete dossiers commencing with those materials expected to produce the most significant adverse impacts e.g. >1000 tonnes per annum and with the highest hazard classifications.

The ECHA is predicted to request a dossier submission for this group within the first three years following pre-registration. The will be proceeded by the following group whereby information will be requested within six years and the final group within 11 years of pre-registration. The complete process is expected to take up to 15 years or more.

Spurrier Chemical Companies, Inc. is not a prime manufacturer of chemicals, but a formulator and blender of substances. We have established through links with our suppliers that, all raw materials used by us are expected to be supported by the REACH legislation. At the present time we do not use any raw materials that fall into highest health and environmental risk categories which require authorisation. We shall therefore continue to pass on existing information through material safety data sheets, as required as part of REACH. This website will be updated accordingly throughout the REACH process, however, at present there is little that we can do.

We anticipate that some of our customers will require supply chain information in order to prepare themselves for the introduction of REACH. We will cooperate fully with any request with the aim to disseminate information where possible. Unfortunately some of this information may not be available for some time. Full risk assessment can then be prepared by all users of the chemical as information becomes readily available.



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