



## ONLY REPRESENTATIVE



### > What is REACH?

REACH, the **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals, is the new European Union (EU) Chemicals Regulation. It introduces major changes to the way chemicals are managed, and aims to provide greater protection to human health and the environment where chemicals are being produced or used. As well as European companies, the Regulation also affects all businesses exporting to Europe.

### > Will my company be affected by REACH?

Companies often believe that REACH affects only chemical manufacturers. In fact, any company based outside the EU that supplies products to the EU market could be affected.

The scope of REACH covers:

- Chemical substances
- Preparations i.e. mixtures of substances – such as toiletries, paints, cleaning products
- Articles that are designed to deliberately release substances – such as denim jeans designed to fade and scented candles.

If your company exports any of these types of products to the EU then you need to pre-register your substances by 30 November 2008.

### > How much time does my company have to complete the registration process?

The REACH Legislation was formally published at the end of 2006 and came into force on 1 June 2007. The first key phase for businesses of all sizes runs from 1 June until 30 November 2008 – the **pre-registration phase**.

It is vitally important that all manufacturers with registration obligations, as outlined above, take advantage of the extended registration period by pre-registering before the 30 November 2008 deadline.

### > Is REACH a risk for my business?

Failure to pre-register by the 30th November deadline will mean that manufacturers and importers will, from 1st December 2008, be required to fully register the substance with the ECHA before it can be supplied to the EU market or else stop importing. Full registration is time-consuming and expensive, pre-registration is therefore strongly recommended. From a practical perspective, the work to pre-register needs to start now in order to be completed before the window closes.

### > How do I pre-register?

Non-EU based manufacturers must ensure registration is carried out (for a substance or substances in preparations or articles). A non-EU based manufacturer cannot themselves register but can register by one of two ways:

- by your importer - who then owns the registration
- or
- by an Only Representative acting on your behalf

WSP is one of the largest firms to offer Only Representative services. We provide a dedicated and confidential service to provide peace of mind for your business.

## REACH Only Representative services

from WSP Environment & Energy - a leading global supplier of REACH services

## > Is an Only Representative the best option for a non-EU based manufacturer?

Using an Only Representative means that you can:

- remove the REACH Registration burden from your EU customers
- continue to supply the EU after 30 November 2008

Furthermore, using an Only Representative enables you to:

- protect the confidentiality of your product information
- retain ownership of the Registration of your substances
- manage your costs

### > What is an 'Only Representative'

As defined by the ECHA Registration guidance document:

*"Natural or legal persons that manufacture substances, formulate preparations or produce articles outside the EU cannot by themselves register a substance(s). However, although not responsible for any action under REACH, they can nominate an only representative established within the EU to carry out the required registration of the substance that is imported into the EU."*



## > Why choose WSP to provide your Only Representative Services?

WSP has 9,000 staff globally and has a global team of highly qualified and experienced REACH experts. We are one of the market leaders in REACH. We are here to help to ensure that your business risks, as a result of the new REACH regulation, are effectively addressed and managed to enable ongoing business in Europe.

We provide a dedicated and confidential Only Representative service by teaming up with you to scope and deliver a service that is right for your business. Our service can include some or all of the following:

- identify substances you require to register
- execute all aspects of the pre-registration process
- safeguard your interests by participating in the relevant Substance Information Exchange Forums and Consortia
- classify substances according to Globally Harmonized System for classification and labeling
- communicate with downstream users to identify uses and develop exposure scenarios where necessary
- submit registration dossiers
- distribute safety data sheets and subsequent updates to downstream users
- track volumes of your substances imported into the EU



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