



**REACH**

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Akzo Nobel Surfactants supports the main objectives of REACH, a high level of protection for human health and the environment. They are consistent with our commitment to Product Stewardship – the responsible and ethical management of the health, safety and environmental aspects of a product throughout its total life cycle. Akzo Nobel Surfactants has been working towards the aims of REACH for several years, via the Responsible Care® program.

## REACH – for health and the environment

A key priority in the implementation of REACH is close cooperation and coordination with our customers and suppliers, to ensure that the required information is exchanged between all players in the supply chain.

We are well positioned and committed to supporting our customers in making this challenging task a success. We will also continue to provide input to the EU institutions, to contribute to the development of a workable REACH legislation.

### What is REACH?

REACH (**R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals) is the new European Chemicals regulation. It is a single system in which all substances manufactured in or imported into the EU, starting at a limit of 1 ton/year, are to be registered. Producers and importers are responsible for demonstrating the safe use of chemicals in the intended applications, dependent on hazardous properties, uses, exposures and volumes. Use of a substance will be legal only in registered uses.

### 1 The main stages of REACH

Registration requires the gathering of data on physicochemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological properties of substances as well as specifying individual identified uses and assessments of the associated risks and safety measures connected to these uses.

Manufacturers and importers are to submit this information to the EU Chemical Agency in Helsinki. Essential parts of the registration dossier are:

- » a technical dossier for substances >1 ton/y
- » and an additional Chemical Safety Report for substances >10 tons/y

During the **E**valuation, EU Member States can check the compliance of any dossier submitted for registration of each substance. States can also carry out a more detailed check of the risks to human health and the environment. **A**uthorization will be required for substances with certain hazardous properties.

## 2 Information flow

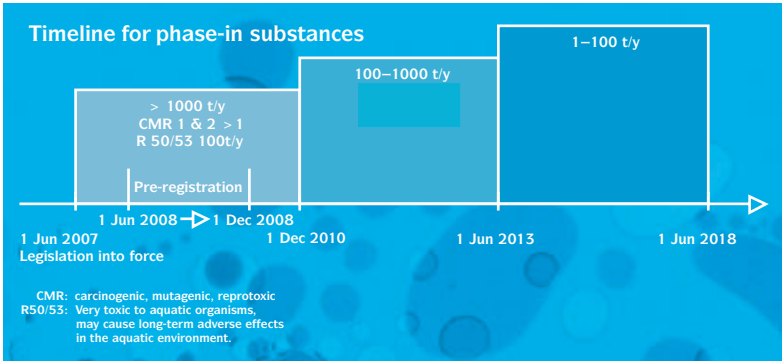
Under the new legislation the primary tool for information transfer to downstream users will be the extended Safety Data Sheet.

## 3 How we can help you be prepared

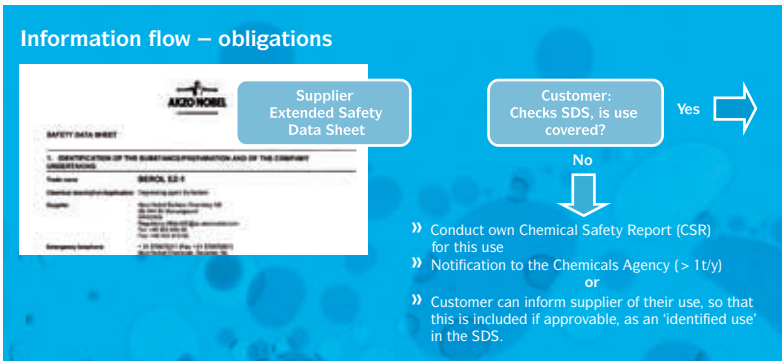
Our Internal REACH implementation organization and processes are already in place. We have carried out a thorough review of our product portfolio and substance data and started a dialog up and down the supply chain. We are furthermore collecting information on uses/applications via a customer questionnaire.

The forming of consortia is key within REACH, and our long experience as an active member of chemical industry associations means that we are prepared for the procedures and tasks that will be required. This is also of great significance when the SIEFs (Substance Information Exchange Forums) are formed at the end of the pre-registration period.

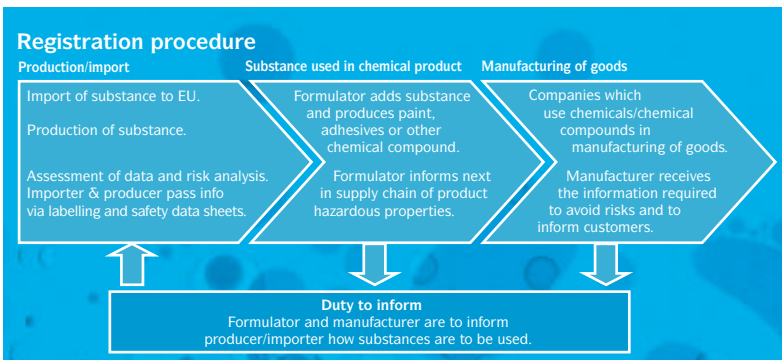
The transmission of information along the supply chain is a very important part of REACH legislation. To ensure your application will be taken into account, you can (as a first step) fill in our uses/application questionnaire. Contact your Sales Manager or our REACH Administrator via our dedicated e-mail: *Reach.Surfactants@sc.akzonobel.com*. We will get back to you to assemble required data.



## 1 The main stages of REACH



## 2 Information flow



## 3 Preparations



## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REACH

For more information about REACH please see our website:

**[www.surfactants.akzonobel.com/reach.cfm](http://www.surfactants.akzonobel.com/reach.cfm)**

or contact us via our dedicated e-mail:

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### SOME OTHER USEFUL LINKS

European Chemicals Bureau

**[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/index_en.htm)**

The European Industry Chemistry Council (CEFIC)

**[www.cefic.be](http://www.cefic.be)**

CEFIC REACH centrum

**[www.reachcentrum.eu](http://www.reachcentrum.eu)**

CNRS/REACH portal

(French National Center for Scientific Research -11 EU languages)

**[www.prc.cnrs-gif.fr/reach](http://www.prc.cnrs-gif.fr/reach)**

Chemicals Industries Association

**<http://reachready.co.uk/>**

Belgium Federal public service

(a helpdesk about Reach, a lot of useful links/categories)

**<https://portal.health.fgov.be>**

German chemical authority

**[www.vci.de](http://www.vci.de)**



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