

REACH regulation

If the company produces or imports chemicals into the EU it is worth for checking the involvement of the company in the so-called REACH-registration.

What is the purpose of the provisions?

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) was created with the assistance of European Chemicals Agency. Its purpose is to foster competitiveness in the sector, to improve human health and environmental protection and to manage potential risks, which might be caused by chemicals. REACH legislation is applicable for registration, evaluating, licensing and restricting chemicals.



What kind of chemicals are concerned?

Legislation is applicable for

- traditional chemicals (ie. industrial base);
- composite materials (ie. paints, detergents, cosmetics, children's toys, electrical and clothing products).

Who needs to register?

According to the provisions of the Regulation on REACH, those who produces or imports from outside the territory from EU at least one until a maximum of 100 tonnes of chemicals, are obliged to register.

In case, if the company purchases the affected products from a supplier within the territory of EU and uses them for its industrial-, professional activity or resells them, then there is no need for registering (however, other REACH related obligations may arise).

What should be done during the registration?

In connection with the registration, the companies must collect the information having at their disposal regarding the particular properties and dangers of the notifiable products and submit them to the European Chemical Agency.

Beside the registration obligation, the companies also have an obligation to cooperate. The registration is built on "one material, one registration" principle, thus the producer and the importer of the same product needs to submit their registration jointly. The precise identification of the material is important part of the registration, since it ensures, that the users of the same product are connected to the same registration.

Usually, fee is charged for the registration.

In case if the company have used the pre-registration opportunity for its material, then it needs to make its registration until 31th of May 2018. If they did not register in advance, then the registration needs to be done immediately.

The complete orientation in the topic is crucial, since if they fail to fulfil their registration obligation, then the affected product cannot be released into circulation within the EU and a significant fine could be imposed as well.

Should you have any questions regarding the registration or the announcement obligation, do not hesitate to contact us!

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