

EU legislation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

REACH is published as Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 and came in force on June 1, 2007. Several steps need to be undertaken by the industry to comply with the legislation. Ticona is providing its customers and suppliers this communication to increase awareness of REACH and to detail actions TICONA is taking regarding key issues of REACH.

Pre-Registration

The first relevant step in the REACH process will be pre-registration, starting June 1, 2008. **TICONA intends to pre-register in order to benefit from the transitional periods for registration.**

Registration

For substances that have been pre-registered, the registration dossier has to be submitted by the deadline provided within the legislation. Information relevant for registration will have to be collected in coordination with other parties, mainly in the Substance Information Exchange Forums (SIEFs).

The outcome of the Chemical Safety Assessment as part of the registration dossier will depend on many factors including contributions from co-producers and other interested parties and cannot be fully predicted today. When preparing the Chemical Safety Report, TICONA will depend on the support and cooperation of our customers in order to procure the required information and documentation.

As the final submission of the registration dossiers will be impacted by the above mentioned factors, we are currently not able to give definitive deadlines.

Use and Exposure Data

The minimum requirements for information on exposure are given in the REACH text. Currently, the Technical Guidance Document on preparing the Chemical Safety Report (CSR) [REACH Implementation Project (RIP) 3.2] is being discussed on an EU level with stakeholders from Industry and authorities. It has not yet been decided which information and in what level of detail will need to be utilised to develop exposure scenarios. This also includes the question of data confidentiality. **Preliminary activities relating to exposure scenarios and exposure assessment are being undertaken at TICONA:** We will continue to actively follow the RIP developments and prepare for REACH entry into force by collection and assessment of the applicable data.

Products

Most of our products are Polymers which are exempted from REACH. However, for those substances which are covered by REACH, including monomers and polymer additives at concentrations regulated by REACH, all necessary steps will be undertaken to comply with REACH. **TICONA currently does not plan to withdraw products from the market because of REACH.**

Ticona believes that our customers' and suppliers' awareness of REACH is a key factor for an effective implementation, as their help and input will be required at the appropriate time. We trust that this communication has proven useful. Further information regarding REACH can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach_intro.htm .

In order to support our customers and suppliers within the framework of their obligations under REACH as manufacturers or importers, we would be very receptive to suggestions and proposals in this area.

Kind regards

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