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2018: The countdown is running!

Are you sure that you will be able to procure all chemical raw materials required in the future? Experts believe that the security of supply is at risk, especially regarding additives and components for formulations. Do you assume that your portfolio is not affected? Then please continue reading.

What factors play a role?

REACH, the EU chemicals legislation came into force on June 1st, 2007.

Depending on the annual quantities, all substances must be registered by a certain date.

This means that extensive studies on properties and potential hazards must be made available.

Products of more than 1,000 t/a were registered until November 30th 2010 and for products of more than 100 t/a, this was possible until May 31st, 2013.

The so-called "small" products (1-100 t/a) must have been registered no later than May 31st, 2018.

There are 28 months to go! But, for tests, evaluation, preparation of dossiers and submission to the authority **about 2 years are required for each product**. The capacities of laboratories and toxicologists are limited and, after June 2016, not even half a year from now, it will be too late.

Why should buyers be affected? Don't all the companies have their own REACH experts?

Yes, but people responsible for REACH issues primarily take care of their own company's sales products.

Your suppliers had pre-registered your raw materials (1-100 t/a) and thus they are allowed to supply these products until **May 31st, 2018**. The pre-registration was free of charge anyway.

But, will all your suppliers also really register your raw materials before this deadline? Additives and components for formulations must be fully registered, i.e. we are talking about costs of approximately **up to 500,000 EUR per product**. What will a supplier selling 50 t/a in the EU at a price of 10 EUR/kg be likely to do? Can you imagine that someone is willing to invest an annual turnover (or more) into REACH?

Experts predict that thousands of so-called "small" products will disappear in the EU. This concerns, inter alia, the following industries: plastics, adhesives, paints & inks, lubricants as well as auxiliaries for paper, leather, and textiles.

You have about 4-6 months in order to **analyze your portfolio of raw materials** and start to take action.

This is still a manageable task, get informed!

We can help you to examine your possibly affected raw materials with reasonable effort.

Our professional network will provide solutions with a view to **long-term and stable supply**.



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