

REACH implementation - status report

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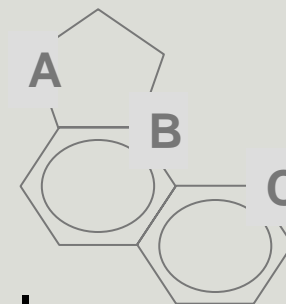
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REACH in short (1)



- One system for new and existing chemicals.
Focus on:
 - high volumes (as a proxy for potential risk)
 - greatest concern (substances & uses with highest risk)
- Shift of responsibilities: public authorities → industry

REACH in short (2)



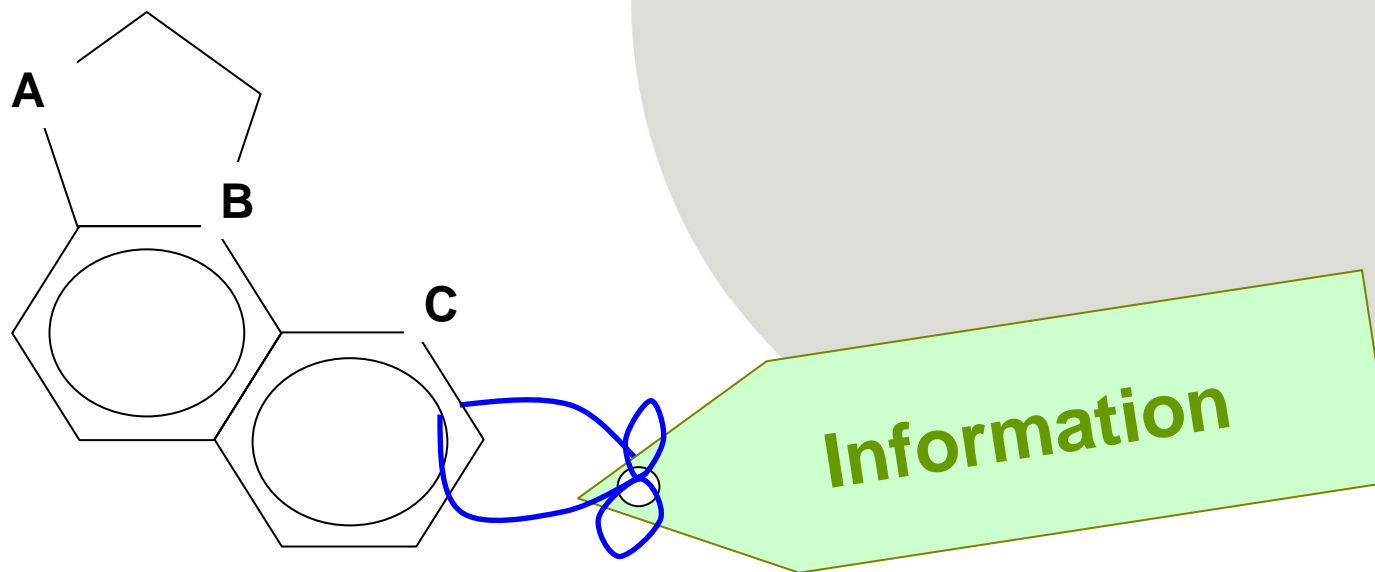
All this to.....

- protect of the **human health** and the **environment**
- enhance
 - free circulation on the **internal market**
 - **competitiveness** and innovation
- promote alternative test methods

Scope of the regulation

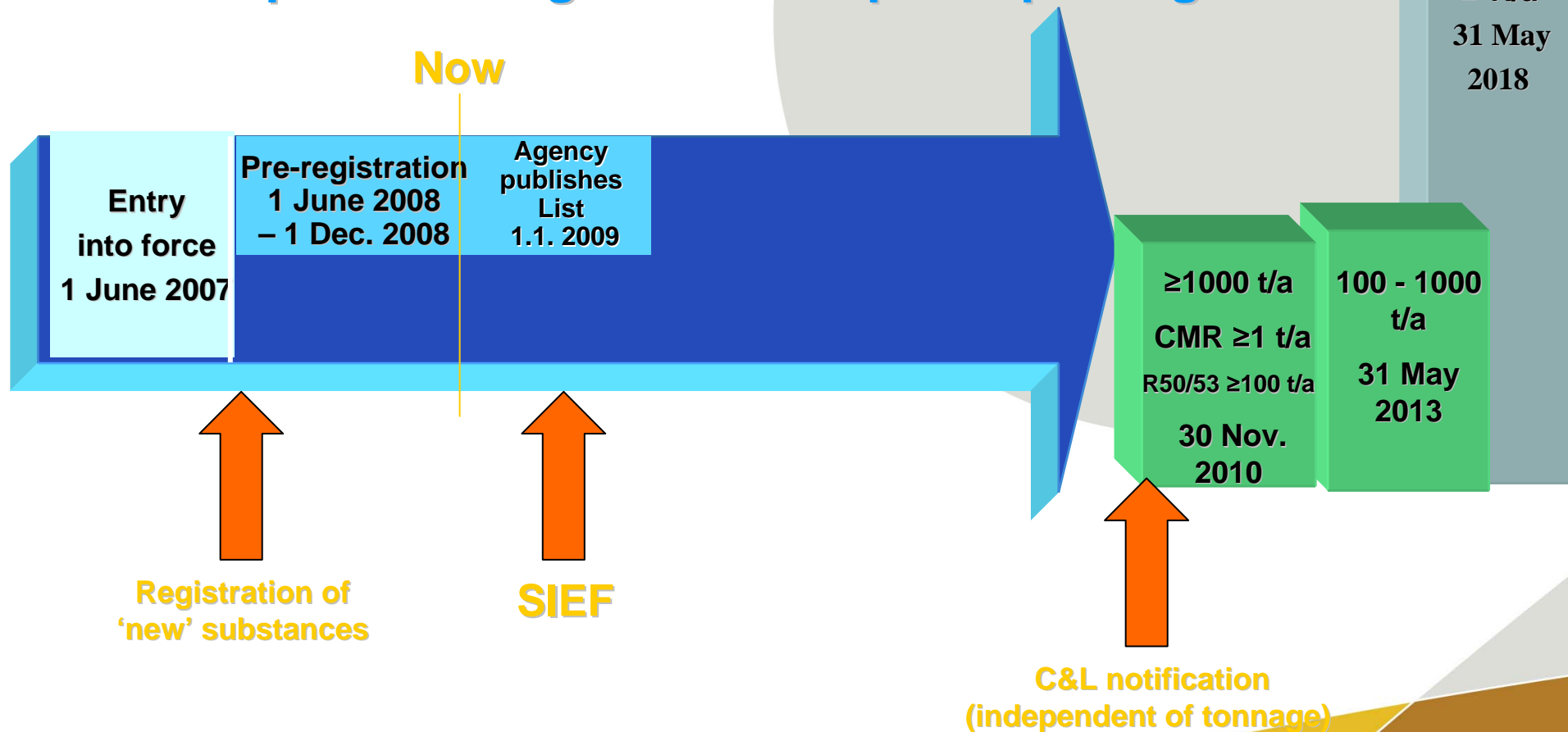
- ⇒ REACH applies to the **manufacturing, import, placing on the market and use** of substances
 - ⇒ On their own, in preparations, in articles
- However, there are **exemptions** and **reduced obligations**

Information per substance



Registration (Timeline)

Note that phase-in registration requires pre-registration!



pre-registration – the following information to be submitted

- **Substance identification: EINECS number, CAS number, Name**
- **Company and contact information**
- **Deadline for registration and tonnage band**
- **“Read across possibilities “**
- **Do you want to act as SIEF formation facilitator?**

REACH: current status

- **Implementing legislation**
4 additional regulations are now adopted
- **Review of the REACH annexes** - nearly finished
- **GHS - CLP**
Publication in OJ expected by December 2008
- **Guidances** is almost completed
http://reach.jrc.it/guidance_en.htm
- **Communication activities on-going**
- **1 June - 1 December 2008: pre-registration**

Pre-registration is closed

- **ECHA received more than 2.2 mill. pre-registrations + 6000 bulk files**
- Pre-registration provisions available for companies that **starts manufacturing or importing 1 tonne or more of a chemical substance after 1 December 2008**, but not for companies with phase-in substances that failed to meet the pre-registration deadline



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Pre-SIEF (Substance Information Exchange Forum)

The REACH-IT module will allow a pre-registrant to see who else has pre-registered the same substance. The information is displayed on a **substance specific pre-SIEF page**. This page provides the following information:

General information:

- substance identification
- identification of similar substances, if applicable (substances which may facilitate the risk assessment of the substance)

Company specific information:

- contact information as specified during pre-registration (the third party representative or the company contact person or the company's general contact details)
- the envisaged registration deadline
- the pre-registration number
- the remarks for the other pre-SIEF participants

Companies who have pre-registered a substance will automatically become listed on the pre-SIEF page of this substance.

To initiate discussions after pre-registration, a pre-registrant can volunteer on the pre-SIEF page to become **SIEF formation facilitator**



Next step: Pre-SIEF Formation

1. **Pre-registration** submitted by potential registrants
2. **List of substances** is to be published beginning of 2009
3. **Data holders** are brought into the system
4. Submitters of the same identifier are brought together (REACH-IT): “**Pre-SIEF**”

SIEF Formation

1. Potential registrants within Pre-SIEF must **check whether their substances are the same**
2. **Agreement** on the sameness: SIEF is 'born'

European Chemicals Agency: ECHA

- **ECHA today:**

- \cong 250 staff
- Started to manage the registration and evaluation
- First steps in authorisation
- Guidance / IT tools
- Helpdesk(s)
- Committees + Forum established
- Stakeholder involvement + consultations started



- **ECHA in future:**

- Up to 450 staff
- Will have an important role in authorisation and restriction

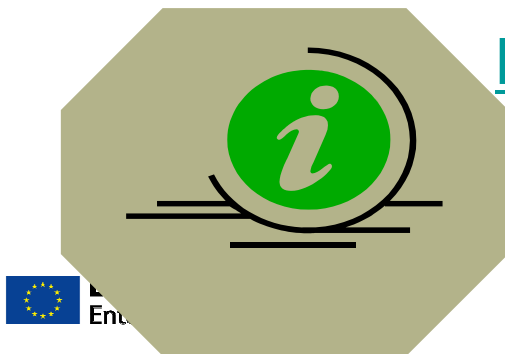


Further Information

<http://echa.europa.eu>

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