

Consulting services supporting the preparation for and implementation of REACH

The new EU chemicals regulation (REACH) entered into force on 1 June 2007. It imposes several new requirements in relation to the manufacture and use of chemical substances on their own, or as part of preparations or articles. It affects all economic actors involved in the manufacture, import or use of chemicals. The best way to meet the requirements under REACH is by communication and cooperation throughout the chemical supply chain.

The EU REACH consultant network has been formed to offer various services to support enterprises, individually or via branch organisations, with their preparations for REACH. Industry has specific knowledge on their production and business relations – we believe that the addition of our detailed experience with REACH will enable enterprises to save internal resources by strategically developing the best options to deal with the new requirements. Our aim is to bring our clients in compliance with REACH. Doing this at an early stage may lead to company solutions before regulatory requirements turn into a problem; it should also lead to a competitive advantage.

Our network consists of independent consultants in Denmark, Germany and the United Kingdom. Our expertise includes detailed knowledge of REACH, assessing its impact at a business level, chemistry and (eco)toxicology, facilitation of communication and cooperation processes, strategic management as well as contracting and competition law.

Core group of network partners

Ökopol GmbH - Germany

Ökopol GmbH provides consulting services to public and private clients. Apart from work on REACH, Ökopol is active in waste management, integrated product policy and installation-related legislation.

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UMCO - Germany

UMCO provides services within the entire supply chain with special focus on legal, technical and organisational requirements in relation to chemicals, UMCO also works with chemical product services and HSE issues as well as dangerous goods.

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DHI - Denmark

DHI is an independent international consulting and research organisation. DHI's chemicals' units provide technical consulting and services related to environmental and human hazard or risk assessment, exposure modelling and ecotoxicological laboratory testing.

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Risk & Policy Analysts Limited - UK

RPA is an independent consulting organisation providing expert advice to both public and private clients. The services include systematic analysis of environmental and safety issues in areas such as hazard/risk assessment, environmental economics or cost-benefit analysis.

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NCEC - UK

The NCEC specialises in providing emergency response and chemical safety products and services. The NCEC provides commercial services to the chemical industry and governments around the world, including consultancy in many areas and on REACH in particular.

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What are our services?

We offer tailored assistance to companies or branch organisations in relation to their specific obligations under REACH.

The network combines a multidisciplinary group of consultants, which is able to act jointly and flexibly under the task management of one network partner (building on existing working relationships). Loyalty and confidentiality in the work with our client are integral to our daily business.

Examples of our services:

- **Interpretation of REACH**
Consultancy advice on questions and interpretation of REACH requirements and technical guidance documents.
- **Screening level assessment**
Analysis of input materials and products. Identification of dangerous chemicals, if any, that may have to be registered, requiring more comprehensive safety assessments and possibly more stringent risk management measures. Identification of input materials which may be withdrawn from the market. Recommendations of immediate company actions including communication in the supply chain.
- **REACH implementation within the company**
Guidance for implementing the new requirements in existing business areas like research and development, new products, purchasing, marketing, regulatory affairs, and external relations. Assistance with internal company awareness, training and involvement of relevant levels of the organisation.

- **REACH implementation at strategy level**
Advice on using REACH as an opportunity to improve market position, to optimise client and supplier relations, and to obtain the right level of influence on collaboration and communication in the supply chain.
- **Registration of chemicals**
Assistance with the preparation of the Technical Dossier and the Chemical Safety Report. Assistance with interpretation of the new EU Technical Guidance Document. Evaluation of physico-chemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological data with the purpose of determining, if available data are sufficient to demonstrate safe use. If necessary, identify testing strategy and possible use of data for related substances or use of non-testing methods.
- **Exposure scenarios**
Assistance in developing exposure scenarios for specific uses of a substance in close cooperation with the manufacturer/importer (supplier) and / or downstream user.
- **Acting as third party between companies**
Independent facilitation of consortia and sharing of data. Evaluation of the possibility of category approaches to include more substances in a single registration. Assessment of information on uses in order to develop generic Exposure Scenarios for processes or products at industry sector level.

Our REACH expertise

We have been involved in the development of REACH and supporting materials through a number of projects at the European level.

The interim strategy of the EU Commission involved a series of REACH Implementation Projects (RIP). The aim of these projects is to provide guidance for the industry. Recent experience of the partners includes participation in the projects aiming at Technical Guidance Documents for the Chemical Safety Report (RIP 3.2-2), Guidance for Downstream Users (RIP 3.5-2) Guidance on requirements to chemicals in articles (RIP 3.8), Guidance on socio-economic analysis (RIP 3.9-1), and Guidance on preparing Annex XV dossiers (RIP 4.4).

Beside this high-level strategic work, all partners provide specific REACH consultancy for private companies in all parts of the EU.