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EU REGULATORY UPDATE

EU REACH Chemical Substances Legislation: ECHA Publishes Intermediate List of Pre-Registered Chemical Substances

The European Chemicals Agency has published an intermediate list of pre-registered chemical substances under the EU REACH chemical substances legislation. It contains almost 40,000 chemical substances that were pre-registered by October 1, 2008. The purpose of the intermediate list is to give downstream users of chemical substances an opportunity to determine whether chemical substances of interest to them are already pre-registered and, if not, for them to remind their manufacturers and importers that companies can only benefit from the extended registration deadlines (2010, 2013 or 2018) if they have pre-registered their chemical substances by December 1, 2008.

Any manufacturer or importer that produces or imports a phase-in substance in the EU in quantities of one ton or more per year should pre-register that substance with the European Chemicals Agency by December 1, 2008, even if another manufacturer or importer has pre-registered the substance. Failure to meet this deadline will mean that a company cannot continue manufacturing or importing the chemical substance in the EU until it has submitted a full registration dossier and paid the registration fee.

The intermediate list was not foreseen in the EU REACH Regulation, but was published due to industry demand. By January 1, 2009, the final list required by the EU REACH Regulation will be published, replacing the intermediate list on the European Chemicals Agency web site. That list will cover chemical substances pre-registered from June 1 to December 1, 2008.

The intermediate list of pre-registered substances can be found on the List of Pre-Registered Substances page in the ECHA CHEM section of the agency web site at <http://apps.echa.europa.eu/preregistered/pre-registered-sub.aspx>.

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