

REACH 2018 and Beyond

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Presenter biography

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Presentation Abstract

Many companies have the misconception that their REACH obligations will end when the last REACH deadline has passed. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg and the potentially bigger impact to their business is just starting to be visible; Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction. Companies dealing with potential Substance of Very High Concern (SVHCs) need to start preparing their strategy on how to react to the upcoming challenges of REACH and "future proof" their products. As hazard communication professionals, it's important to understand that registrations and a substance's classification is the starting point for ECHA's screening criteria and ultimately Risk Management Options.

This presentation will briefly review what you must do to submit your registration by the last phase-in deadline of May 31, 2018. As this is only the first REACH milestone, the evaluation processes will be explored, looking at both dossier and substance assessments and how ECHA is using these to locate chemicals of concern. The risk management options under REACH to address SVHCs, including Authorisation and Restriction will be discussed along with the hot topics at ECHA. Practical advice on how to approach the other REACH challenges beyond registration will be highlighted throughout the talk.