

# Alert: South Korea REACH (K-REACH)

June 30, 2019 Pre-registration deadline

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## PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION

Alert IAEG members who do business with or in S. Korea of the upcoming substance pre-registration deadline under K-REACH

Provide information on risks & mitigation measures

# K-REACH: THE ACT ON THE REGISTRATION AND EVALUATION OF CHEMICALS

Chemical substances listed on S. Korea's "Existing Chemicals List" (KECL) manufactured in or imported to South Korea in quantities greater than or equal to one tonne per year are subject to registration

**Pre-registration compliance deadline:  
June 30, 2019**

## WHY PRE-REGISTER BY 30 JUNE 2019?

Pre-registration allows existing chemical substances to be manufactured / imported between 1 July 2019 and the registration deadline

Grace Periods	
Substance	Registration Deadline
>1000 tonne per year existing substances >1 Tonne per year CMR* substances	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
100-1000 tonnes per year existing substances	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
10-100 tonnes per year existing substances	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2027
1-10 tonnes per year existing substances	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2030

\*carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic

## WHO MAY PRE-REGISTER?

- S. Korean manufacturers and importers of existing chemical substances >1 tonne/year
- Companies located outside S. Korea may pre-register substances by using an Only Representative located in S. Korea

## PRE – REGISTRATION / REGISTRATION PROCESS

For pre-registration, the following must be submitted to the Korean Ministry of Environment (MOE):

- Information on the company;
- Substance name;
- Annual manufacturing / import volume;
- Classification and labelling information;
- Use information

For registration, in addition to the information provided above, the following must be submitted:

- Physiochemical;
- Toxicological;
- Ecotox, and
- Hazard assessments

## WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF MISSING THE PRE – REGISTRATION DEADLINE ON 30 JUNE 2019?

- x No registration grace period; therefore, substances not pre-registered will require registration before they are manufactured or imported
- x Substances not pre-registered or registered may be subject to suspension of manufacture, import, use or sales
- x Risk to business continuity
- x Risk of fines/penalties if affected chemicals are manufactured in or imported into S. Korea after July 1, 2019 without registration

## RISK MITIGATION ACTIONS

Communicate with your supply chain to confirm that pre-registration has occurred for substances you rely on in S. Korea. Consider these questions:

1. Does the substance volume exceed 1 tonne/year?
2. Is the substance eligible for pre-registration (check the [Existing Chemicals List](#))?
3. Does the substance / use qualify for an exemption (e.g., “gunpowder and military supplies”)?
4. If your company exports substances to S. Korea, do you need to appoint an Only Representative in S. Korea for pre-registration and registration?



**COMPANIES THAT DO NOT PRE-REGISTER SUBSTANCES BY JUNE 30, 2019, MUST REGISTER SUBSTANCES BEFORE THEY ARE MANUFACTURED OR IMPORTED**