

REACH



- Registration
- Evaluation
- Authorisation / Restriction
- **Ch**emicals



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Registration – industry obtains information on substances produced or supplied in quantities greater than 1 tonne per year;

Evaluation – regulators assess the registered information to determine hazards and risks, to prevent unnecessary testing;

Authorisation - requirements imposed on the use of high-concern substances;

Restrictions of **Ch**emicals – provides safety net to manage risks not adequately addressed elsewhere.



Implementing REACH

- Final decision by European Parliament and Council this Autumn;
- Entry into force by Spring, 2007;
- Then additional year to allow European Chemicals Agency to become fully operational (Helsinki);
- Interim strategy to enable smooth transition from existing chemicals legislation.



Introduction of REACH

- *First stage:* registration of substances manufactured over 1000 tonnes per year and substances carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction – 3 years after entry into force;
- *Second stage:* registration of substances manufactured or imported over 100 tonnes per year – 6 years after entry into force;
- *Finally:* substances manufactured or imported over 1 tonne or more must be registered – 11 years after entry into force.

