

INDIA REACH

Regulatory Support for the Chemicals (Management and Safety) Rules

Intertek can successfully guide your new/existing chemicals through the India REACH registration/notification process, using our extensive regulatory and scientific expertise.



Background

India REACH is the country's national chemicals law which is referred to as the "Chemicals (Management and Safety) Rules". The Rules are currently in draft mode as India released the fourth draft on March 16, 2020. Within this latest draft, India proposed a notification, registration, and restriction strategy. The draft Rules are meant to come into force on the date of their official publication (expected to be published by end of 2020) and will apply to "all Substances, Substances in Mixtures and Intermediates that are Manufactured, Imported, Placed or intended to be Placed in Indian Territory."

Key additions and revisions to the draft Rules:

- Revisions to the list of priority substances that are subject to importation notifications
- Revisions to hazard communication obligations (i.e., safety data sheets, labeling, and packaging)
- Inclusions for 37 substances that are subject to registration.

A Chemical Regulatory Division (the Division), similar to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), will be created and will be responsible for the evaluation of notification and registrations and providing recommendations to the Scientific and Risk Assessment Committees.

Notification

Chemical manufacturers are required to notify all existing chemicals during 6 months of the **initial notification** period which starts after 1 year of the rules coming into force. All **New Substances** have to be Notified at least 90 days prior to the date on which they are Placed in Indian Territory.

Registration

For substances that are manufactured, imported, and/or placed on the Indian market in quantities greater than 1 tonne per year, registration is required within 1.5 years from the date of inclusion of the Substance in Schedule VI. In addition, a technical dossier is required to be submitted as part of the registration process.

Priority Substances

750 substances listed in Schedule II of the Rules are classified as Priority Substances. It is required that importers notify the Concerned Authorities [Chief inspector of Dock Safety appointed under the Dock workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Act 1986] at least 15 days before importation if their product contains a priority substance. In addition, any company importing or manufacturing a priority substance in quantities greater than ten tonnes per year will be required to submit a chemical safety report containing the information outlined in Schedule VIII of the draft.

Companies need to be aware that there are additional labeling and packaging requirements noted for the Schedule II substances in Chapter V of the draft Rules. It is expected that as notifications and evaluations continue, this list will also grow.

The Intertek Advantage

Intertek India can act as an "Authorized Representative" on behalf of the foreign manufacturer to ensure compliance with the Rules.

Intertek is the single source solution for complying with the registration, testing, and documentation requirements of India REACH. We provide chemical and regulatory services to the producers, suppliers and users of industrial, commercial and consumer chemicals.

Our services include:

- Development of notification, registration strategies
- Global chemical Notification consultation
- Classification & labelling of substances
- Design, implementation, and stewardship of testing programs
- Registration
- Training/ consultancy

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