

After Brexit: UK Reach Regulation in Force as of 01 January 2021

Comprehensive Regulatory Support

Intertek Assuris offers comprehensive consulting, chemicals registration and Only Representative (OR) services to support compliance with the UK REACH Regulation.



Background

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) single market and customs union at 00:00 CET on 31 December 2020, at which point EU law ceased to apply in the UK, with the exception of the provisions aligned to the Northern Ireland (NI) Protocol.

Who is impacted?

The UK is now a separate jurisdiction outside the EU/European Economic Area (EEA). UK law prevails as implemented through the devolved bodies of Great Britain (GB) and (NI). Though UK REACH closely replicates EU REACH, manufacturers, importers, and companies in Europe and elsewhere wishing to place substances, formulations, or articles on the UK market must now comply with new and/or additional requirements.

NI will remain part of the EU chemical regulatory systems for the duration of the Northern Ireland Protocol; NI businesses can continue to retain their existing EU REACH status.

GB REACH obligations

Manufacturers and importers in GB (England, Wales, and Scotland) have obligations under UK REACH to update their existing EU REACH registrations or submit new registrations.

Non-GB suppliers should consider their need to nominate a UK REACH Only Representative (OR) to act on their behalf and register the substances they export to GB.

Existing EU REACH registrations submitted by GB legal entities will automatically be valid under UK REACH but will only cover the GB market. **Note:** The UK authority is continuing to allow Grandfathering submissions beyond the original deadline of 30 April 2021 whilst they explore alternative arrangements for transitional registrations under UK REACH.

UK REACH includes provisions for existing GB downstream users and importers who benefited from EU REACH registrations held by EU legal entities, or EU ORs, to take advantage of those registrations by submitting Downstream User Import Notifications (DUINs). The UK authority is continuing to allow DUIN submissions beyond the original submission deadline of 27 October 2021 whilst they explore alternative arrangements for transitional registrations under UK REACH. The formal registration deadlines were also extended by 3 years to 27 October 2026, 27 October 2028 and 27 October 2030 depending on tonnage and toxicity.

Supply chains need to be carefully evaluated by all manufacturers, importers and downstream users to ensure UK REACH compliance and continued EU REACH compliance for their respective activities and those of their customers.

UK REACH OR services

Intertek can deliver comprehensive UK REACH OR services to non-GB entities to allow them to continue to place substances on the GB market. We have years of experience providing OR services under EU REACH.

REACH Registration services

Intertek is ready to support UK REACH registrations and updates on your behalf through the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) UK REACH IT system ("Comply with UK REACH").

Our services include:

- Consultancy to support all aspects of UK REACH and UK CLP
- UK REACH Only Representation

- Dossier preparation and updates for "grandfathered" substances & DUIN submissions
- Data generation

The Intertek advantage

We have extensive experience supporting many companies with EU REACH registrations as well as extensive experience providing similar services for regulatory regimes in Turkey, South Korea, China, and other jurisdictions. Additionally, our laboratories can support with analytical and physico-chemical data generation. Intertek is uniquely placed to offer both UK REACH and EU REACH support for customers around the world.

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