

EU REACH Regulation

Article & SVHC Compliance Program

The REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of Chemicals) Regulation requires every product or "Article" placed on the EU market to communicate to its customer/end-user whether it contains any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) above 0.1% w/w. REACH ANNEX XIV contains a list of substances for authorization along with sunset dates. ANNEX XVII specifies % weight limits, prohibited uses, and approved uses as listed.



PHASE 1

Data Cleansing and Supplier Engagement



Intertek will review the Bill of Materials (BOM) and ensure all necessary information is present to engage your supply chain. Once completed, Intertek's Supplier Engagement team will reach out to your suppliers and gather the available compliance information pertaining to your components and materials.

Customers receive all the collected information from the supply chain. This information is used to build their compliance file for REACH.

PHASE 2

Product and Material Risk Analysis and Mitigation Strategy



Intertek regulatory experts will review the Bill of Materials, and the collected data to determine the risk of SVHCs and materials contained in Annex VII. Intertek will provide the associated level of risk based on the unique line items typical composition as well as adjust it according to information collected during phase #1. This analysis will also provide recommended risk mitigation strategies to reduce high/medium risk items.

Customers will receive a findings document as well as the risk matrix that the document is based on. In the findings document it will outline high risk areas within the product, as well as potential additional risk mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of containing or having SVHC's above the communication threshold.

PHASE 3

Product and Material Risk Mitigation



Intertek can utilize its network of laboratories, auditors and regulatory experts to help further mitigate risk of having SVHCs in your product and understand whether you need to provide communication set forth by the EU REACH Regulation.

Each of these phases work to build the compliance file that enforcement agencies are expecting producers to have in place. This file proves that you have done the necessary due diligence to understand your communication requirements for the articles you are placing on the EU market.

As per the Regulation, the SVHC list is re-evaluated every six months. This presents a challenge in accumulating the material information so you know if it is necessary to communicate a risk. Intertek's streamlined approach provides understanding of your current risk and implements the necessary processes to ensure compliance.

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