



“REACH for Croda” News

Welcome

Welcome to “REACH for Croda” News, the regular bulletin from Croda International Plc updating our customers on Croda’s REACH activity. We hope to give our customers the latest information and Croda’s views on the regulations throughout the registration phases of REACH.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss REACH further, either directly to our central REACH team, or via your local Croda sales office.

On behalf of Croda’s REACH Steering Group

New REACH Website for Customers

“To help communicate with our customers, Croda has recently launched a website, www.REACHforCroda.com, dedicated to our approach to REACH”

Here customers can find information on Croda’s policies and answers to many key questions they may have. In turn customers can provide Croda with information on product end usages to allow us to complete relevant risk assessments on the exposure of humans and the environment to our chemicals.

Pre-Registration Success

“Croda has successfully completed pre-registration and we are able to reassure our customers that all substances within the products supplied by Croda into Europe that fall under the REACH regulations are pre-registered for use until their required phase-in registration dates”.

This ensures the continued ability of Croda to manufacture and import substances falling under the scope of REACH. We have worked closely with our suppliers and customers worldwide to assist in their understanding of, and preparation for, REACH.

Our view is that REACH is complementary to our company commitment to ensure there is an adequate understanding of the hazards of the chemicals we make and use, and to innovate with technology that improves chemical safety profiles for humans and the environment. We see our current best practice in communicating information on the hazards and safe use of our products as consistent with these objectives under REACH.

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Highlights

>> Croda successfully pre-registers all relevant substances for REACH

>> Croda launches website to help customers record product usage information

>> Dedicated Croda resource and Steering team supporting REACH registration



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Background and Additional Information

New EU regulations requiring the registration, evaluation and authorisation of nearly all chemical substances supplied in Europe are now in force (REACH). They require a phased approach to registration over the next 9 years, starting with the largest volume substances.

Croda recognises that REACH is a reforming and radical approach to chemical regulation and we will play our part in ensuring that the industry achieves the ultimate goal of ensuring there is sufficient information on chemicals made and used within the EU. There will be a demand for higher levels of proof of performance and environmental acceptability for novel products, but Croda sees this as a positive move for the high-tech European chemical industry with its close links to the end consumer markets.

Croda started preparing for compliance on REACH as far back as 2004, assembling a high level Steering Group to assess, evaluate and define the strategic impact of these regulations. Extensive analysis and communication of REACH and the potential impact on both existing and future products has been completed within Croda, and an implementation plan agreed to ensure that all substances in our products, intermediates and key raw materials would be identified and pre-registered as required before 1st December 2008.

Now that pre-registration has been successfully completed, Croda is currently reviewing its phase-in registration plans and intends to take all commercially reasonable actions to ensure the continuity of supply of its products through timely REACH registration as well as ensuring the compliant supply of any new product offerings. For a significant number of Croda products, REACH will have only limited impact. Where a decision is taken not to register a substance, Croda will pro-actively communicate our planned actions with customers in a timely fashion to assist in minimising business disruption.

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