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UK REACH will come into being on the 1st Jan 2021 , the day after the Brexit transition period ends. Anyone making, selling or distributing chemicals in the UK and the EU needs to follow UK REACH and EU REACH rules both.

The new UK legislation will keep the basic principles of EU-REACH unchanged. Companies must review their roles in the EU and UK REACH systems, and their current supply chains. They'll need to take certain actions to access the EU / EEA and UK markets.

UK-based holders of current EU REACH registrations can continue the "grandfathering" process by providing background information to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) by 30 April 2021. Holders must complete the grandfathering process within 6 years from October 28, 2021, depending on the deadlines of the tonnage band:

- 2 years: 1,000 tonnes or more/year. This deadline also applies to CMRs for 1 tonne or more; very toxic to aquatic organisms (acute or chronic) for 100 tonnes or more; and candidate list substances (as at 31 December 2020);
- 4 years: 100 tonnes or more/year. Also candidate list substances (as at 27 October 2023); and
- 6 years: one tonne or more/year.

UK-based entities currently holding EU REACH registration can continue to export substances or mixtures to EU and EEA markets:

- transfer their registrations to an entity based in the EU/EEA by the end of 2020
- support its importers based in the EU/EEA to become registrants

Keep in mind that UK-based companies that currently hold EU REACH registrations also need a valid UK REACH registration to maintain access to the UK market.

UK downstream users (who do not hold an EU REACH registration) currently importing chemicals from an EU/EEA country need to ensure the substances they purchase are covered by a valid UK REACH registration. These companies must notify the HSE using a **Downstream User Import Notification (DUIN)** of their intention to continue importing substances from the EU / EEA by 27 October 2021.

A new registration must then be submitted to the HSE within 2, 4 or 6 years of 28 October 2021. Alternatively, UK downstream users can encourage their EU/EEA supplier to appoint a UK-based Only Representative (OR), or change their source to a UK registered supplier. It's possible to submit DUINs if a chemical is covered by a registration held by an EU/EEA-based OR and then sold into the UK.

The online service '**Comply with UK REACH**' will go live on 1 January 2021 for:

- validate existing UK-held EU registrations
- submit downstream user import notifications (DUIN)
- submit new substance registration
- submit new product and process orientated research and development (PPORD) notifications

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION OPEN ON CADMIUM AND ITS INORGANIC COMPOUNDS ABOUT OEL

At the request of the Commission, ECHA evaluated cadmium and its inorganic compounds for occupational exposure limits (OELs) and prepared a scientific report which is subject to a public consultation open for 60 days.

Taking into account the available data, the current OEL of 0.001 mg μ g Cd / m³ (1 μ g Cd / m³) inhalable fraction) is likely to protect against systemic as well as local respiratory effects, and is considered conservative. It is therefore not necessary to decrease the current OEL. However, the current OEL does not take into account previous (high) cadmium exposure or indirect exposure via routes other than inhalation, therefore, the OEL should be applied in conjunction with the proposed BLV to ensure that the total body burden does not is too high.

In addition, cadmium has not been shown to cause skin or respiratory sensitization. There are no indications of systemic toxicity following dermal exposure to cadmium. No further annotations are proposed.

The deadline for submitting comments is November 12, 2020.

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KKIDIK (TURKISH REACH): PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE SET ON 31/12/2020.



In 2017, Turkey published and consolidated the text of the KKIDIK regulation regarding chemicals that can be placed on local national market. The scheme adopted follows the European REACH regulation in many prescriptions, so much so that it is often referred to as Turkey-REACH. One of the significant differences is that there is only one registration deadline for all tonnage bands, set for 31/12/2023.

At this stage, the possibility is open to pre-register by 31/12/2020.

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