

MARKETING SERVICES
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Dear Business Partners:

On 1 June 2007, Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council entered into force. This regulation is most frequently referred to as REACH and is positioned to generate information on chemical substances and assign duties and obligations on manufacturers, importers and downstream users of those substances. This acronym (REACH) represents “**R**egistration / **E**valuation / **A**uthorization and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals”.

Chesterton has been following the creation of this body of legislation for over 3 years and has availed itself of the most up-to-date guidance documents and training. There is an 18 month process including a formal 6 month pre-registration phase, which will allow the continued use of substances in the EU until specific threshold deadlines come to pass. Chesterton International GmbH, Munich – Germany, will be our “other representative” in this process.

With an “other representative” established, our distributors would be considered downstream users and have no pre-registration or registration obligations.

Chesterton Safety Data Sheets currently meet REACH requirements and will be adjusted as information generated under REACH is published.

The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the properties of chemical substances. It establishes roles for entities in the supply chain. Manufacturers and importers are obliged to register chemical substances they produce or import in quantities over 1 ton per year over an 11 year timeframe. Downstream users of chemical substances must apply the risk management measures for dangerous substances identified on the supplier Safety Data Sheets and notify manufacturers of any different effects.

We will continue to periodically update you on the status and work that Chesterton is doing as REACH progresses. In the meantime, we are pleased to announce that your key contact for REACH will be Ingo Stenner. He has access to the global team working on REACH and will be the conduit for any questions. His contact information is as follows: Ingo Stenner, European TP Technical Service Manager, Mobile: +49 172 9409059, Fax: +1 781 481 7608, E-Mail: stennei@chesterton.com

Best regards

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