



Are you ready for REACH?

If you are exporting to the EU or importing into the EU please read this carefully!
The REACH Pre-registration deadline is approaching fast!

Dear Customer,

In 2007, in the EU the "REACH" regulation was put in act. REACH stands for **R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorization of **C**hemicals. This regulation requires each importer and manufacturer of a chemical substance to register the chemical with the EU and provide certain data regarding the hazards of that chemical. The EU will then evaluate the data and determine whether the chemical is subject to limitations on use ("authorization"). The goal of REACH is the protection of human health and the environment.

The key concept of REACH is **No data – No market**. This means that a company that does not fulfill the requirements of REACH will not be allowed to manufacture the specific substance within the EU or import/export it into the EU. REACH registration is to be done by each legal entity. So if you do not register, you will not be able to import a substance even if another company has registered that substance. Please also note that REACH regulates each chemical substance and not products, which means that manufacturers and importers must review for REACH compliance all constituents contained in their products. Depending upon the number and complexity of chemicals, it can be a tremendous amount of work to break down all products into the contained substances.

REACH does have a phase-in period that allows companies to continue manufacturing or importing chemicals already on the existing chemical registry ("EINECS"), provided the manufacturer or importer has "pre-registered" the substance by providing certain basic information on the chemical. The pre-registration information must be submitted by **December 1, 2008**, which means that time is tight. **Chemical substances that are subject to the REACH registration requirements and that are not pre-registered by that date cannot be manufactured or imported into the EU until the full registration process is completed.**

More information on REACH can be found at the web site of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) at http://echa.europa.eu/home_en.asp

What Momentive offers:

- Momentive will work with its customers to provide information necessary to pre-register customer products containing Momentive's chemical substances.
- For importers of Momentive products, we will assist you in obtaining access to the required substance data (formulations).
- Momentive will pre-register all substances that we currently manufacture or import and that fall under the registration obligation of REACH.

For further question please contact your Momentive Sales/Marketing representative.

More information can be found on Momentive's REACH web site at <http://www.gesilicones.com/siliconesweb/eu1/en/momentive/reach/reach.html>

Sincerely,

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