

REACH is a European Union regulation (EC 1907/2006) concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & Restriction of Chemicals and was introduced to streamline and improve the former chemical legislation framework.

REACH places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to health and the environment. The European Chemical Agency (ECHA) is responsible for managing REACH implementation across the EU.

Under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 the EU REACH regulation was brought into law on 1/1/21 and is known as UK REACH.

Although there is reasonable alignment between the EU and UK with regard to chemical related regulations, there are some UK specific differences. The new UK legal framework is driven by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and managed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and with the Environment Agency (England and Wales), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and with local trading standards involved. The UK REACH and EU REACH regulations continue to operate independently of each other.

UK REACH regulates chemicals placed on the market in Great Britain, under terms of Northern Ireland Protocol, EU REACH continues to apply in Northern Ireland.

There is continuity in terms of UK REACH implication, including requirements for Registration and Safety Datasheets and in terms of controlling of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).

Schloetter Co Ltd has taken the necessary steps to comply with the UK REACH regulations. We have been in contact with our suppliers, as a downstream user, to ensure continued supply of raw materials and where appropriate we have adapted substances into UK REACH from EU REACH.

Safety Datasheets (SDS) will be provided to all customers for all hazardous products and where appropriate if they contain SVHCs these will be clearly indicated. Further information sheets will be available on request for any SVHC substances.

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