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Downstream Users can check list of intended 2010 registrations

Downstream users of chemicals now have the chance to check whether the critical chemical substances that they need are going to be registered in time. ECHA has today published a list of all the chemical substances that companies have told us they plan to register for the 2010 REACH deadline. If a substance should be registered in 2010 and it is not, it will be illegal to manufacture or sell it within the EU after 30 November 2010.

It is therefore important that downstream users consult the list to make sure that their high volume and hazardous substances are included (lower volume and less hazardous substances don't have to be registered this year).

Manufacturers and importers should also consult the list and actively help to make it complete by adding their own planned registrations.

The ECHA website provides information on what to do next if a substance that should be registered in 2010 is not on the list. ECHA will update the list periodically to allow companies to check again.

The substances which need to meet the 2010 registration deadline are those manufactured and imported in the largest quantities (over 1000 tonnes per annum) and those which are potentially the most hazardous to the environment (above 100 tonnes) or to human beings (above 1 tonne).

Further information

List of substances identified for registration in 2010:

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/list_registration_2010_en.asp

The information in the list was provided by companies in response to a recent survey by ECHA on behalf of the European Commission and industry representatives. By publishing the list, ECHA hopes to enable downstream users, manufacturers, importers and Only Representatives to make sure that the substances that they make, import or use in quantities that require imminent registration will be able to be used legally after the first registration deadline has passed.