

Eastman's Commitment to **REACH**

"REACH is a unique opportunity to build trust and confidence in the use of chemicals. As a Responsible Care company, Eastman Chemical Company is highly committed to make REACH a success. We will work closely together with our customers, downstream users, distributors and suppliers to implement this coherent framework for sustainable development."

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Eastman Chemical Company fully supports the objectives of the new regulation known as the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

The objective of this new policy is to determine the hazards of chemicals and to carry out risk assessments in order to protect human health and the environment. Eastman, a Responsible Care® company, fully supports the objectives of the policy.

Eastman remains actively involved in REACH through working groups in the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) including its Sector Groups like HARRPA, PlasticsEurope as well as the Dutch Chemical Industry Association (VNCI). Cooperation between all key stakeholders is crucial to make REACH a success, minimize costs and decrease the need for animal testing.

Eastman's approach

In preparation for REACH, Eastman has established a multi-function REACH Initiative Team led by a full time manager to coordinate all REACH activities.

Currently, Eastman is making an inventory of its products and manufacturing processes. Also, an inventory is being made on available data and possible data gaps.

Eastman intends to (pre-)register all of its non-polymeric* products. Also, it is our intention to cover all monomers used in the production of Eastman polymers.

Eastman intends to participate in as many consortia as possible, to jointly develop required data sets as early as possible. The company is actively engaged in evaluating all its products for registration requirements and will inform customers and suppliers as appropriate of steps Eastman takes on further product registrations.

**Polymeric substances are exempt from registration.*



Next steps

■ Web based tool

Eastman will utilize a web based tool to make an inventory of the uses of its products, enabling an efficient and complete risk assessment. This tool will also provide the required data to comply with REACH and to communicate information up and down the supply chain.

■ Animal testing

The core objective of REACH is to minimize the risk to human health and environment to the exposure of chemicals. These assessments cannot be carried out without data, including data obtained from animal testing.

■ Consortia formation

Although much data already exists, additional (animal) testing may be necessary. In order to minimize animal testing, Eastman will seek cooperation with other companies in the market by initiating and supporting the formation of consortia. These consortia will allow data to be shared and joint testing programs developed.

