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After many enquiries about particular responsibilities regarding REACH regulations we have compiled the following information, which is only relevant to the test inks that we supply (for other chemicals you use we advise you to contact your relevant supplier):

How REACH affects end users of Test Inks and Pens:

To our knowledge at this stage of the REACH process there are no specific requirements to end users other than the following.

Identify the chemicals that you use and evaluate the volume used. If this exceeds 1 tonne then you should make enquiries with your supplier to establish if they have pre registered the chemicals under REACH.

Also review the chemicals that you use and look for alternative substances should at a further stage in the REACH process your current chemicals become unavailable.

How REACH affects us:

REACH does not affect us at this stage due to the fact that we do not manufacture or import more than 1 tonne of the chemicals that we use.

How REACH affects our base chemistry suppliers:

Due to the fact that our suppliers of base chemicals are importing or manufacturing more than 1 tonne they are currently in the process of pre registering all of their chemicals, the deadline for which is currently the end of November 2008

Update 3rd April 2009:

All the base chemistries used by CDE Products to manufacture all our ranges of test inks now have a Registration Deadline of 30/11/2010

Update 7th July 2010:

At present none of the chemistries used to manufacture any of our products feature in the "Reach – Substances of very high concern (SVHC) list.

Update 15th December 2010

This update applies only to the Blue Formamide/2-Ethoxyethanol Toxic Test Inks (in accordance with ASTM D-2578)

2-Ethoxyethanol CAS Number 110-80-5 has now been added to the REACH –Substance of very high concern (SVHC) list.

At present we are not required to do/change anything in terms of MSDS Data sheets, Business procedures or Transport considerations etc.

We are awaiting a decision on the possible responsibilities which may occur due to the REACH investigation of SVHC's. Possible outcomes are the following:

- 1) Nothing Changes with the use of 2-Ethoxyethanol CAS 110-80-5
- 2) A Licence will be required to handle or deal with the chemistry
- 3) The chemical will be completely banned

Update 10th June 2022:

At present none of the chemistries used to manufacture any of our products feature in the "Reach – Substances of very high concern (SVHC) list.