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REACH Information

REACH is the Regulation for **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals. It entered into force on 1st June 2007 to streamline and improve the former legislative framework on chemicals of the European Union (EU). REACH places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to the health and the environment and to provide appropriate safety information to their users.

REACH also creates the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) with a central coordination and implementation role in the overall process. On its website you can find more information on the processes foreseen by REACH, its scope and the main obligations of the actors involved the regulation, as well as guidance documents <http://ec.europa.eu/echa>

With this we would like to inform you in a comprehensive way about UMICORE's activities in respect to this new European chemical legislation.

UMICORE is preparing for REACH and intends to (pre-) register the substances it is manufacturing in or importing into the EU.

Since use and exposure information plays a central role in the REACH concept, a further cooperation up and down the supply chain will be required. To avoid double work for our customers, UMICORE will ensure that all information needed will be asked for in good time.

If you would have any remaining questions on this topic, please feel free to contact our REACH Manager: **Wouter Ghyoot (tel : +32-14-245207 or wouter.ghyoot@umicore.com)**

Sincerely yours,

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