

Dear Supplier,

As you are aware, REACH (**R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals) legislation entered into force on 1st June 2007. REACH places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to both health and the environment. Effectively this means that manufacturers and importers of chemicals must identify and manage risks linked to the substances they manufacture and market. REACH also requires suppliers to provide downstream users with the risk information they need to use the substance safely. Manufacturers and importers need to demonstrate that they have appropriately done so by means of a registration dossier, which must be submitted to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA, echa.europa.eu).

The first Step in REACH is pre-registration. Manufacturers and importers must pre-register existing substances if their quantities surpass 1 tonne per year; if they want to benefit from transitional arrangements that allow registering at a later stage. The pre-registration period is limited from 1 June 2008 to 1 December 2008. Transitional periods from 3.5 to 11 years will be granted under the REACH Regulation in order to perform comprehensive registration tasks.

As downstream user we are seeking to secure future supply, to do this it is essential that our suppliers (pre-)register the substances we purchase from them and this must include how Johnson Matthey Colour Technologies uses the product.

If you have not done so already please provide the following information:

- Confirmation that you are actively working on REACH (pre-)registration of these substances.
- The types of use you plan to register for the substances you supply to us.
- The contact person for REACH in your organisation (include all contact details such as: name, department, address details, email address, telephone and fax number)

We have created REACH@matthey.com for efficient (up and downstream) communication on REACH. Moreover, we will be communicating news on REACH via our Web site, www.colour.matthey.com.

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