



REACH FAQ's

What does REACH stand for?

REACH is the short form for – Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. REACH is a new European Community Regulation that will handle all chemicals produced, imported and used within the EU. The new law entered into force on 1 June 2007.

Why is there REACH?

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment, including the promotion of alternative methods for assessment of hazards of substances.

Until now, it was for a lot of substances unknown whether they were dangerous for people and environment, or not.

What does it mean?

This Regulation is based on the principle that it is for manufactures, importers and downstream users to ensure that they manufacture, place on the market or use such substances that do not harmfully affect human health or the environment.

Which chemical substances are being addressed by REACH?

All substances produced, imported or placed on the EU market (>1 tonne/year) must be registered to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Dangerous substances and Carcinogen, Mutagen and Repro-Toxic, also named CMR, utilisation have to be declared.

Up to now, polymers and waste are not included in REACH registration phase.

To whom does REACH apply to?

Registration should be done by:

- Any chemical producer of chemical substances
- Importers that import products which are produced outside the EEG (excl. Russia, Switzerland, USA, India, China)

Declaration of CMR or toxic substances in the formulations or articles manufactured or imported for more than 1 ton /year by the « user ».

Updated MSDS is mandatory for all chemical substances and preparations.

Are there any obligations for me as a user of FPI Products (Air cushion, Loosefill)?

No, as a user of FPI Products you not need to undertake any actions.

As a re-seller of FPI products: which actions do I need to undertake in order to follow the REACH law in my role of Supplier?

No registration or specific action is required for FPI products end distributors.

Provide FP International certificate if required by end users.