

Ecolab's responsibility

Ecolab has always been on the forefront of sustainable initiatives and is proactively involved in ensuring continued compliance to the ever changing regulatory environment. We carefully review and select the raw materials used in our solutions to provide our customers the comfort that their ecological, toxicological and quality standards are met both today and in the future.

As a long-time member of the European industry association AISE (International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products) and local industry associations like IHO (D), UIC (FR) and ALDEMA (ES), Ecolab has been proactively involved in technical analysis and comments on the proposed legislative initiatives and guidance documents for many years.

The newest EU initiative is a program called REACH. The aims of REACH reflect very closely the responsibility that Ecolab has assumed in the past and will continue to stand for in the future.



REACH

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Safer.
Healthier.

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Ecolab's commitment

Ecolab is committed to providing our customers with the most effective and efficient cleaning and disinfection, food safety and health protection solutions to help them achieve a cleaner, safer and healthier environment and consistent standards around the globe.

We continue to look for new ways to create innovative solutions that deliver outstanding performance with the lowest possible impact to the environment.

From concentrated, solid formulations to innovative packaging and dispensing methods, our products are designed to help increase safety, lower the use of water and energy, and reduce the amount of chemicals used and waste generated in the cleaning process.

What is REACH?

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals. The regulation (EC/1907/2006) came into effect on 1st June 2007 to streamline and improve the former myriad of legislative frameworks existing in the European Union (EU).

What is REACH? (continued)

Substances imported and/or manufactured in the EU which exceed 1 ton/year are to be registered in the future. For the registration of these substances, comprehensive documents have to be submitted to the European Chemicals Agency. Depending on the volumes and substance properties, the substances must be registered within certain deadlines.

The aims of REACH are to:

- ▶ Enhance the protection of human health and the environment from risks posed by chemicals through better and earlier identification of the chemical substances' properties.
- ▶ Secure free movement of goods while enhancing competitiveness on the internal market.

Ecolab's Status under REACH

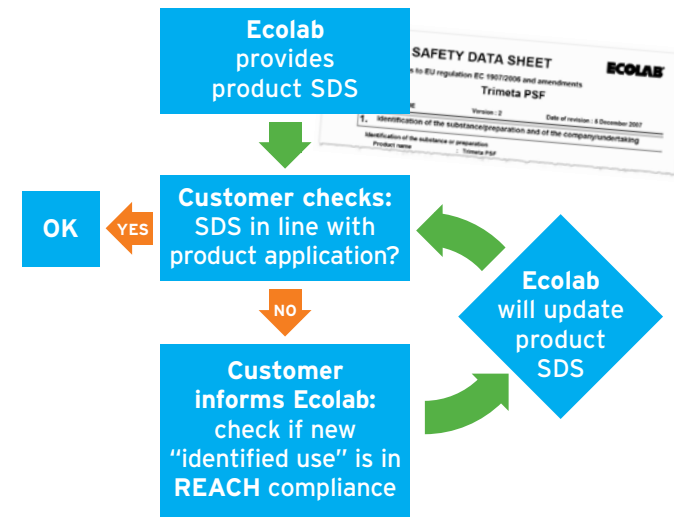
With respect to most of its products, Ecolab is generally not a manufacturer of substances under the REACH definition. Ecolab is a formulator of products, a downstream user, and an importer and will therefore provide the required information for each of these roles. As in the past, we will continue to ensure compliance and proper communication of safety standards for all our substances and products.

We are in close contact with our suppliers, especially with the raw material manufacturers, to assure the continued availability of the products in our current portfolio and for tomorrow's innovations.

How is Ecolab proceeding?

We have established a cross-functional REACH Team to evaluate our existing processes and to determine what needs to be adapted with respect to fulfilling REACH obligations. We have been reviewing our substance inventory to define a basis for supplier communications. Ecolab has already started the exchange of information regarding REACH obligations. We are in close cooperation with our suppliers to ensure that the substances used in our products will be covered by their registration dossier, chemical safety report and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

The SDS is being used as a reliable and important communication tool to both our customers and to our suppliers as well. The SDS will become even more important as a communication tool with the implementation of REACH.



If you have any questions or need any assistance, your Ecolab Territory Manager will be glad to support you.

