



REACH for the downstream user

As handlers of specialist polymers and other substances, Clwyd have kept abreast of the Restriction, Authorisation and Evaluation of Chemicals legislation as it has developed. **Sarah Haywood** gave a paper on the above subject at the Rubberchem Conference organised by Smithers Rapra in Dec 2010; this can be accessed under the technical papers section of this website.

The major problem with REACH is its sheer size and scope. Its greatest impact is on substance manufacturers and importers, although the effects are also significant for formulators, such as Clwyd, and their customers down the supply chain (ie, the downstream users).

The Clwyd Approach



Effective implementation requires a general understanding of the big picture, followed by a rapid narrowing of focus to concentrate on the major issues which will be important to the individual business over the next 2-3 years.

The paper summarises the big picture, and give a formulators view of the issues-

- The main processes of REACH, and how new classification, packaging and labelling (CLP) legislation will link with these from January 2011.
- The implementation experience of a formulator, to date
- The need to take a pro-active approach to assessing the possible impacts on future use of hazardous substances in formulations and articles
- A case study on the replacement of phthalates in rubber compounds

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