



REACH COMPLIANCE STATEMENT NOVEMBER 08

**GREENFIELD POLYMERS HAVE ACHIEVED 100% CONFIRMATION FROM
RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIERS**

Greenfield Polymers has been working towards REACH for the last 4 years and are fully aware and understand the aspects and impacts of the EU regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals and the dates which guidelines dictate for the process.

Greenfield Polymers is classed as a Downstream user. We do not create chemicals from raw materials but are involved in the formulation and distribution of them. We are not therefore required to pre-register or register our formulations.

Greenfield Polymers has now received confirmation from all our raw materials suppliers either to their intention to pre-register their substances or justifications as to why their substances will be REACH exempt. **Based on this pre-registration intention Greenfield Polymers can confirm that all products supplied to customers contain substances that will be pre-registered or are REACH exempt.**

What Next?

Pre-registration intention is the first step of a long process; over the coming months Greenfield Polymers will focus on ensuring that our suppliers' pre-registration obligations have been met. In the unlikely event that a supplier has not pre-registered as intended a substance used within our preparations then it will either be sourced from an alternative supplier who has pre-registered or if the substance has not been included on the pre-registered list then a similar pre-registered substance raw material will be used – all customers whose product is effected by the change will be informed.

At this time uses are not required for pre-registration, if necessary customers will be contacted at the appropriate time when this does become the focus on the REACH process.

We are totally committed to the process of REACH and assure our clients and distributors that we are already well ahead of the process.

Our current REACH policy

1. To identify all materials within formulations and gain supplier confirmation that these products will be registered.
2. Where a supplier fails to confirm within our own timeline (significantly shorter than that within the REACH policy) every effort will be sort to find alternatives. Within the process we will be working directly with the client should we receive confirmation that a supplier is not intending to register a material.
3. Any material which is listed within the REACH as high concern will be designed out and safer alternative sought, provided they achieve suitability with the client. This has been our standard policy for many years irrelevant of REACH.

As a client or distributor your own action within REACH is currently very limited to simply checking that your Up stream user is actively seeking to be REACH ready. This simply involves producing a data base of suppliers of chemical compounds and ensuring they are working towards REACH. This at the moment is the only possible action.

As the REACH process continues we will firstly look to confirm your product (s) components / ingredients are REACH pre - registered and then we may require information on your use to feed back to our Suppliers. They will then pass this information to REACH for inclusion within the uses criteria. Please do note that the REACH process has a considerable time line spanning many years and REACH focus is going to center on large scale chemical use and particularly hazardous substances. It will be some time before the processes begins for evaluation. Provided we confirm to you by our given date that we have confirmation of all Suppliers and materials / components are REACH registered very little further action is required. Should we find that a Supplier does not intend to register we will then contact you and offer alternative solutions within this timeline.

Should you require any further information and help please contact our REACH expert

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Yours truly,

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