

K-REACH Presidential decree

Ministry of Environment notice 2014-069

On February 18, 2014, Ministry of Environment pre-announcement of K-REACH Presidential Decree (otherwise called Enforcement Decree).

1. Reason for legislation

K-REACH has been legislated to protect public health and the environment from potential hazards of chemicals and products like humidifier germicide cases.

As major countries including EU, Japan have strengthened with "No Data, No Market" concept, Korea has prepared K-REACH (Act on the Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances) (Act No. 11789, Proclamation on May 22, 2013, Enforcement on Jan 1, 2015) to register, assess risks and notify products with hazardous chemical substances.

2. Main Content

A. Formation and Operation of Chemical Substance Evaluation Committee. (According to Article 3~ Article 6)

- Committee member is assigned for 2 years and can be extended

B. "Grace Period" for Existing chemical substances subject to Registration (Article 9)

- 3 years grace period for registration

C. Details on chemical substances subject to Registration Exemption (Article 10)

- Chemical substances for R&D purposes
- Low concerned polymers with satisfied characteristics

D. Chemical substances subject to Registration with simplified data requirements (Article 18)

- Less than 1 tpa (new chemical substances)
- Chemical substances with no hazards expected

E. Designation of Authorization substance criteria (Article 19~21)

F. Operation of Chemical Substance Information Processing System (Article 24)

- Registration exemptions, communication of information
- Free for industry to use

G. Designation and requirements of Green Chemical Center (Article 27~Article32)

3. Comments

Opinions regarding Presidential and Ministerial decrees of K-REACH (Act on the Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances) can be submitted to following address and e-mail by March 31, 2014.

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4. Other information can be found on the homepage (Notice No.292)

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