

REACH/REACH-Like

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Solvay ensures that its product portfolio complies with all the relevant regional and national chemical regulations such as REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical Substances) in the European Union, UK REACH in the United Kingdom, K-REACH in South Korea, Chinese MEE order N°12 in China, KKDIK in Turkey and TSCA in the US.

Since REACH's inception, Solvay has developed an extensive regulatory strategy covering all substances and mixtures manufactured and imported for the placing in the internal market of the EU/EEA. In addition, Solvay regularly makes sure the registration dossiers submitted are reviewed periodically and, where needed, updated with the latest available information. Our proactive approach has been widely recognized, and the 2019 Cefic Responsible Care Award to Solvay Product Safety Management System (PSMS) is a tangible example of how we walk the talk with regard to product safety matters.

Solvay has a strict approach regarding restricted substances. These are not manufactured nor used as soon as a market ban/restriction is imposed by the competent authorities. On top of that, and with regard to substances of concern - and not yet subject to REACH (or any other) restrictions - we are actively mapping the uses of said substances. This information is available in our Annual Integrated Report. At the same time, we are carrying out several R&D projects, to limit as much as possible the use of substances of concern and/or allow their replacement whenever technically possible.

PRODUCT REGISTRATION

REACH is an advanced European framework regulation requiring companies to have detailed knowledge on substances, their hazards, and risks during use. This knowledge must be collected and organized into reliable and systematic safety information that includes all uses and risks incurred along the value chain. Solvay fully complies with the extensive REACH requirements for substances registrations. We have 233 registration dossiers and are the lead or sole registrant for 92 substances. In accordance with the Cefic Action Plan program, we are also dedicated to improving the quality of REACH dossiers.

Regular updates of dossiers are performed according to REACH obligations, either as new information becomes available or at the request of the European Chemical Agency (ECHA). We have carried out 20 REACH dossiers updates in 2022 and 19 in 2023 and 28 in 2024.

In addition, Solvay continues to adapt to new product regulations in many countries, notably to cope with emerging, REACH-like regulations in non-European countries.

More specifically :

- in the framework of Korean REACH, we have registered 22 in 2021 for TIER One and registered 16 dossiers in 2024 for the next registration deadline in 2024 (TIER Two)
- in the framework of KKDIK REACH-like regulation in Turkey , we have pre-registered 64 dossiers corresponding to 43 substances to be registered before the specific deadlines, and we have registered 19 lead dossiers
- for UK REACH, Solvay successfully completed 3 new registrations and 253 Downstream User Import notifications
- In the framework of the Chinese MEE order N°12, we have submitted two new substances and updated dossiers for two substances.