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UK-REACH

The EU REACH Regulation was brought into UK law on 1 January 2021, this is known as UK-REACH. Under UK-REACH polymers are exempt from registration and evaluation; however, monomers or any other substances such as additives, pigments or impurities found in polymers must be notified and registered when the substance (monomer, additive, pigment, impurity, etc) is found $\geq 2\%$ w/w in the polymer and the total quantity of such substance makes up ≥ 1 t/a. Substances must be notified to the UK Health and Safety and Executive (HSE) by 27/10/2021 and initially registered in 2, 4 or 6 years according to the hazard classification and tonnage band.

On July 19, 2023 a statutory instrument (SI) for extending the UK REACH submission deadlines entered into force. The SI will extend the statutory deadlines for transitional registrations to 27 October 2026, 2028 and 2030 according to the hazard classification and tonnage band.

Polymers and polymeric preparations manufactured by ELIX Polymers

ELIX Polymers performed the Downstream User Import Notification (DUIN) by means of appointing an Only Representative (OR). The notification covers the substances from the product lines **ELIX ABS**, **ELIX ABS-3D**, **ELIX PC/ABS**, **ELIX Ultra**, **ELIX 1XX series**, **ELIX 2XX series** to ensure the products placed into the UK market are fully compliant with UK REACH. The notification covers the products directly distributed by ELIX to GB-based customers. ELIX products sold to GB-based business through an EU distributor have not been accounted.

ELIX Polymers is checking that raw material suppliers will also comply with the UK-REACH before reaching the registration deadline. The purchase workflow will be adjusted accordingly to ensure that the substances used for the manufacturing of ELIX products are compliant with UK-REACH.

Communication along the Supply-Chain

The current letter demonstrates the compromise ELIX Polymers has with its clients to ensure an open and efficient communication along the whole supply chain to guarantee a successful implementation of UK REACH.

ELIX Polymers will keep you informed in due course. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to contact the Product Stewardship and Technical Department for further UK REACH related questions.



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