



## Environmental News Update

# REACH Pre-registration is under way

Pre-registration of substances under EU REACH Chemicals Regulation is required between 1 June and 1 December 2008. Any substances that are not pre-registered but that require registration under the REACH Chemicals Regulation will have to be taken off the EU market until they have completed the full registration process. Pre-registration is required for about 100,000 or so chemicals which have been on the market before 1981. The European Chemicals Agency is expecting about 200,000 pre-registrations from 35,000 firms covering 30,000 substances and 40,000 intermediates in the next few months. This is a massive change to chemical regulation across the European Union.

Amongst the many significant issues are real concerns about the level of knowledge of the EU REACH Chemicals Regulation amongst small to medium enterprises within the UK, and difficulties in extracting necessary information from the many firms throughout the global supply chain. REACH is likely to have enormous effects both in the availability of some chemical substances and products made from them.

Enforcement is expected to begin on 1 December 2008 – the draft enforcement regulations have already been published - and to be raised in profile and significance through to 2018, with criminal penalties applying for many breaches of the regulations.

### REACH Webinar - 15 October 2008

We are pleased to invite you to our latest Environmental Law update webinar which aims to be informative and helpful by providing practical guidance on issues which are currently of interest and concern. Topics covered in this webinar will be:

- REACH Overview (Georgie Messent, Partner)
- Pre-registration and Registration (William Wilson, Barrister)
- Only representative arrangements (Nick Churchward, Solicitor)
- SIEFs, consortia and protection of confidential business information (Nick Churchward and William Wilson)

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### Webinar schedule

<b>Registration</b>	<b>3.55 pm</b>
<b>Presentations</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Open forum/questions</b>	<b>4.45 pm</b>
<b>Close</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>

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