

REACH, D.D. Williamson Position Statement

REACH is an acronym for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals legislation that completed its passage through the European Parliament on June 1, 2007.

This legislation intends to ensure the safe and responsible supply of regulated materials in the European Union. It is a significant regulation that has implications for all members of the supply chain. D.D. Williamson has been closely monitoring the progress of REACH to ensure it can meet any and all legal requirements.

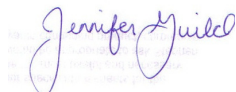
The first important obligation of REACH is the pre-registration of all phase-in substances between June 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008. If determined to be applicable to D.D. Williamson, this deadline must be adhered to in order to avoid any potential production disruptions. The timetable for registration is dependent on two parameters (1) the volume, quantities above 1 tonne/year, of the substance imported into the EU or manufactured within the EU and (2) the toxicity of the chemical substance and whether it is classified as a material of high concern.

At present D.D. Williamson is determining how best to fulfil any and all obligations of REACH and awaits publication of the Guidance Documents or REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs). This guidance is critical, as it will inform industry on what is required to be carried out to meet the requirements of REACH. Until this information is available it will be very difficult to have meaningful dialogue throughout the supply chain. Once this guidance is published D.D. Williamson will determine the appropriate manner in which to distribute the information requested by customers.

In summary, D.D. Williamson's REACH strategy is to monitor and review the formation and content of the official guidance documents. D.D. Williamson will continue to have dialogue with both customers and suppliers to ensure any concerns are identified and addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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