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HallStar REACH Update

How has HallStar complied with REACH thus far?

As required by REACH, chemical substances, individually or when used in preparations, that are imported into the EU in annual quantities of 1 metric ton or more must be registered with ECHA. The HallStar Company, with support from its distributors and customers, has worked diligently to identify those substances important to the EU market that fall into this category. Through this dynamic process, HallStar has successfully preregistered those products, enabling us to continue to supply to the EU. There are two major benefits that HallStar and its customers can realize as a result of the preregistration process. First, preregistering ensures that these products will be compliant for continued use in the EU under the REACH legislation. Second, we can benefit from extended registration deadlines, which occur in intervals based on tonnage bands and hazards of the chemical.

Which HallStar products are REACH compliant?

A list of REACH compliant HallStar products is available upon request at reach@hallstar.com. Although these products are in compliance for use in the EU, we will have to work very closely with our distributors and customers in order to obtain necessary information for the registration process. If your company wants to import more than 1 metric ton of a product or use one of our products in a preparation that does not appear on this list, please contact us immediately at reach@hallstar.com. We will evaluate the substance and identify if the opportunities will justify the costs associated with REACH compliance.

What are the responsibilities of a customer/distributor?

The HallStar Company will require certain commitments and information from its distributors and customers in order to prepare for the registration process. Pertinent information such as product end use, annual tonnages, the form in which the substance is imported, and established safety precautions will be necessary to facilitate registering the preregistered substances. To ensure that the required registration documentation is acquired, HallStar is sending REACH agreements to distributors and customers who import into the EU. Preregistration numbers can be obtained only upon execution of these agreements. If you develop new business on a preregistered material that you have not previously purchased from HallStar, you need to advise us so that we can assure your new volume will be covered under REACH. If your company is not exporting HallStar products into the EU, in annual quantities greater than 1 metric ton, then the REACH legislation does not apply to you.

What are next steps for The HallStar Company?

The HallStar Company is preparing for the REACH registration process, which will be occurring over the future years. As part of this process, we will be participating in Substance Information Exchange Forums (SIEFs) which consist of companies who have pre-registered substances with the same identity. A SIEF is a forum to share data and other information on a given substance in order to meet the participants' obligations under REACH and prevent duplicate data gathering efforts. Through the cooperation of our distributors, customers, and HallStar's appointed Only Representative, we must continue to track the volumes and applications of our preregistered products to assure that all volumes meet the REACH documentation requirements. HallStar will also conduct reviews of Material Safety Data Sheets, Labels, and Chemical Safety Reports and revise, as necessary, in order to comply with REACH legislation and effectively communicate the appropriate product information throughout our supply chain.

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Through our appointed Only Representative(OR), HallStar is currently participating in some of the SIEFs for substances that we have preregistered. We anticipate our SIEF participation to increase over the next year as we prepare ourselves for our first registration deadline in 2013.

We are also currently preparing for REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008 (Classification, Labeling, and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures or CLP). The CLP regulation is the EU's adoption of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling. CLP requires a re-evaluation of the hazards for all chemicals placed on the market in the EU as well as REACH preregistered substances.

For More Information

For REACH agreements, preregistration numbers, and REACH compliant products, contact the HallStar REACH Team at reach@hallstar.com

For REACH information, visit the ECHA website at http://echa.europa.eu/home_en.asp

Disclaimer

REACH requires additional regulatory steps for products to remain compliant and the regulations likely will change. HallStar will update the REACH section of its website and contact its customers and distributors directly to the extent REACH impacts its products. Although the information above and on the website is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct at the time of compilation, the information is supplied on the condition that the persons receiving it will make their own determination as to its suitability for their purposes prior to use. In no event will HallStar be responsible for damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the use of or reliance upon such information or the product to which the information refers. No representation or warranties, express or implied, of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or of any other nature are made with respect to the information above or on this website or products to which the information refers.