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Trust Chem and UK REACH

With Brexit, the EU chemical REACH regulation has become invalid in the UK. The UK government has passed the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 to transform the REACH regulation into UK law, namely UK REACH. UK REACH came into force on January 1st, 2021. Although UK REACH and EU REACH operate independently of one another, the overall framework, registration process and requirements basically remain the same.

The scope of UK REACH regulations includes England, Scotland, and Wales (referred to as GB). Under the terms of the Northern Ireland Protocol, EU REACH continues to apply in Northern Ireland. Once UK REACH comes into effect, businesses that manufacture or import 1 ton or more of all in-scope substances (into GB) each year are responsible for registering that substance with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) (unless an exemption applies).

Trust Chem led the way in responding to EU REACH and completing the highest number of registrations in the organic pigment industry. We have also actively responded to UK REACH and entrusted a GB-based Only Representative (OR) to submit a Downstream User Import Notification (DUIN) before October 27th, 2021.

The UK REACH registration obligation has effectively been deferred as the transition period will last from a minimum of two to a maximum of six years. The completion of the DUIN notification ensures our continued market access and trade initiatives in the GB market over the next few years.

