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REACH

The [REACH-Regulation \(EC\) No 1907/2006](#) entered into force on 1 June 2007 and will be implemented in several phases until 2018.

- The first step was the pre-registration of all existing substances (phase-in substances) before 1 December 2008.
- Next, all existing substances produced/imported at over 1000 tons per year and manufacturer/importer must be registered until 1 December 2010.

Please find below some important general messages about Kolb's Reach activities and policies:

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This statement will be updated whenever appropriate.

Pre-registration

- Kolb has pre-registered all substances manufactured in our plants in Switzerland and the Netherlands.
- For our Swiss plant we are using the following only representative:
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NL-4790 AC Klundert
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- For the products manufactured in Switzerland, Kolb has also pre-registered all raw materials including substances used for the production of polymers (monomers and other reactants).
- Section 15 of all our Safety Data Sheets now contains a statement about the completed pre-registration. Please understand that we are unable to communicate pre-registration numbers to downstream users.

Registration

- For most of the substances produced by Kolb, the full registration is due only in 2018 and the corresponding decisions will be taken at a later time. It is our intention to keep as many products on the market as possible. Please understand however, that we are unable to make any binding commitments regarding our future product portfolio at this time.

If modifications to our product range should become necessary, we will inform our customers as early and fully as possible.

Identified Uses

- The majority of our surfactants are polymers and exempt from registration under Reach. The uses of these products by downstream users are therefore not relevant in this context. Information about the polymer status of our products can be found in sections 3 and 15 of our Safety Data Sheets.
- The other substances – with very few exceptions – will have to be registered only in 2013 or 2018. We ask you to postpone questions regarding these products for the time being.
- Kolb manufactures a few substances with the registration deadline in 2010. We have joined the corresponding consortium with the aim to prepare the registration and to develop the exposure scenarios in cooperation with CEFIC and other stakeholders.
- The customers of these products will be informed about our plans as soon as possible. Please understand however, that at the present stage we are unable to commit ourselves to the inclusion of certain downstream uses in our registrations.

Substances of very high concern (SVHC)

- The [European Chemicals Agency ECHA](#) publishes a list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) which are considered candidates for authorisation. None of these substances is intentionally added to our products and contamination with any of these substances is extremely unlikely.

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