



**REGISTRATION** under REACH provides **data** on a chemical substance relating to properties, hazards and uses. Without this data, the substance is not allowed to be used. **The 2018 Registration deadline is a risk to material supply.**

If you make a product, you use **chemical substances**. Aluminium is a substance; so is acetone; as is argon. Paints are complex mixtures of many substances. All substances made or imported in quantities more than 1t / year have to be registered to permit their use by industry. **You have to register substances you import.**




**KEEP CALM  
AND  
PRE-REGISTER**

The **2018 Registration Deadline** is for registration of substances manufactured or imported in the 1T – 100T per year volume range.

If you import substances or mixtures (possibly within articles) from outside the EU in this quantity range, you **will** have a registration obligation. If you don't register, you will have to stop importing those materials. Also, unless you have 'Late Pre-Registered' by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**, you will also have to stop importing materials until full registration is completed.

**Late Pre-Registration** is quick and easy on the ECHA [REACH IT](http://REACH.IT) website.



### What happens if a substance is not registered?

The substance will not be available for you to use, either on its own, or in mixtures such as paints. There can be other knock-on effects on processes if the material is critical to use. Obsolescence issues can affect critical materials and processes.



### What can you do to mitigate risk?

Mitigation depends on your role.

#### Manufacturer / Importer.

**If you make products, you are unlikely to be a manufacturer, but could be an importer.**

1. Pre-register the substances you make or import in the 1T – 100T volume
2. Assess the importance of the substance to the supply chain.
3. Decide whether or not you are going to register the substance
4. If not, inform your supply chain so that they can prepare an alternative

#### Downstream User - Formulator

1. Check if your suppliers are going to register the substances you use.
2. Inform your customers if non-registration is going to affect your product.

#### Downstream User – Producer of Articles

1. Ask your suppliers about REACH 2018
2. Assess the consequences of non-registration of substances in 2018
3. Work with the supply chain to identify alternatives if necessary.

**Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!**

For further information on REACH 2018 Registration see the links below.

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[UK Chemical Stakeholder Forum](#)

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