

“Participating Effectively in SIEFs and Consortia”

2 day workshop on October 22-23, 2009 (Apeldoorn)

Registration of a substance under REACH requires a significant effort of the potential registrants. Registrants, with often very different backgrounds and interests, meet each other in (pre-)SIEFs and consortia where they have to come to an agreement about the approach and content of a registration. For smaller companies, often with registration deadlines after 2010, it is not always clear how best to protect their interests when working with much larger companies that have earlier deadlines.

This seminar is for people in companies planning to register substances under REACH and who as a consequence need to participate in SIEFs and sometimes consortia. This includes “data holders” who need to share (and thus sell) their information. Typical participants are business and regulatory managers, specialists with day-to-day involvement in SIEFs and consortia but also other experts on an ad-hoc basis.



Who should attend and why?

Substance Information Exchange Forums (SIEFs) play a central role in achieving the objectives of REACH. They are the place mentioned in the legal text where decisions are made that impact potential registrants and data holders alike. To date, many SIEFs have made only little progress. With registration deadlines fixed, that leaves more to do in less time. This 2 day workshop covers all relevant aspects a company will face when participating in SIEFs (and in pre-SIEFs & consortia). It is aimed at those people that will be involved in SIEFs (e.g. as registrant or data holder).

What you will learn

- Understand the significant stages that will take place after pre-registration and what this requires from both an organizational and technical perspective. Understand what needs to be done by when and how much time it is likely to take.
- Review some of the different strategies that can be followed (e.g. decide for individual or joint submission) and understand the potential consequences of different choices
- Analyse the strategy of your company – or how you should be developing one if you have not yet done so.
- Learn from role-playing how the strategies of other companies impact you

Location of the workshop

Hotel de Cantharel (Van der Valk)
Van Golsteinlaan 20
7339 GT Apeldoorn

2 day workshop fee (excl. 19% VAT tax)*

Early Bird fee: €1185,75 (registration on or before September 10th)
Standard fee: €1395,00 (registration after September 10th)
Additional discount applies to ExpertDesk members

* Workshop fee includes overnight stay at the hotel, dinner on the first day, catering during 2 workshop days, all course material and extensive access to the REACHWise experts.

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Approach: “Practice and be prepared rather than be –unpleasantly- surprised”

This is a very “hands-on” workshop. It will illustrate how some of the practical day-to-day challenges that come up in SIEFs have their origin in the REACH regulation and how one can deal with these. Great emphasis is put on the practical examples of situations in which you may find yourself. The strategy of other companies in the SIEF – whether it is clear or not – will affect you and through this workshop you will be prepared to deal with it. It is better to be prepared than to be – unpleasantly – surprised.

Workshop content: Following the stages from pre-SIEF to SIEF, and on to Registration

The workshop will start with a brief wrap-up of key elements of REACH and the organisational framework for pre-SIEFs, SIEFs and consortia. This includes a discussion on the pros and cons of forming a consortium and of participating in a consortium. Because potential registrants have different roles and interests when participating in SIEFs, they need to know about rights and obligations in detail. An example is how to handle the late arrival of potential registrants.

When going from pre-SIEF to SIEF, the topic of substance identity is relevant to everyone regardless of tonnage band. To support you in the discussions about substance identity in the pre-SIEF, various scenarios that may occur will be discussed and help will be provided with tools, techniques and information sources.

In the SIEF, data sharing is the objective, whether it is on the basis of existing information or new, all data matters. Workshop participants will be shown how to identify lacking information and how to fill data gaps. Different scenarios will be played to reflect real-live situations. You will be made aware of confidential business information and how to deal with this in the SIEFs. Participants will be made aware of different cost models and the way they work.

Putting learnings into practice

To put the learnings and concepts into practice, a number of more “technical” exercises will be done around the following topics:

- Determining substance identity: what needs to be done to determine identity and sameness correctly without giving too much and unnecessary information away? How to document this?
- The principles of data collection and data sharing: What are the issues when confronted with information? What are some of the rights and opportunities associated with data collection and sharing? How to determine value and share cost?
- Integrated Testing Strategy: to ensure that you meet the requirements of the Integrated Testing Strategy we will see how important it is to look outside your own SIEF to fill any data gaps.

During the 2 day workshop we will practise extensively how other people may take up a different position in the SIEF and how that may affect you. In other words, the practical aspects of different approaches as well as preparing for the unexpected will be covered.

The workshop will be rounded off with a count-down to registration and again a look at some of the practical aspects. Be prepared in so many different ways!

About REACHWise

REACHWise is a London (UK) based consultancy firm that works with national authorities, trade associations and individual companies implementing REACH.

Dr Peter Douben, de Dutch director of REACHWise and one of the trainers of this workshop, has been involved with REACH from the earliest stage, among other things as director REACH/Chemicals Policy at CEFIC.

Through his active involvement in consortia and (pre-)SIEFs, Peter has an inside understanding of the challenges faced by companies large and small and how these can be overcome.

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REGISTRATION FORM (one form per workshop participant)

The standard fee of this workshop (including hotel arrangements) is €1395,- excluding VAT. You can register and pay using the registration form below in combination with a bank transfer, or you can register and pay online at www.reachexpertdesk.com.

Participant:

Name	Mr./ Mrs.		
Job title			
Organisation			
Address			
Post code		City	
Country			
Phone		Fax	E-mail
E-mail address for invoice (when different from above)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm not the first participant of my organisation and would like to make use of the 15% group discount. The name of the first participant is:			

Please register me for this workshop. I pay:

Terms

Fee		19% VAT	Total	
Standard fee	€1395,00	€265,05	€1660,05	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Early Bird discount (15%)</i>	€1185,75	€225,15	€1410,15	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>With Group discount (15%)</i>	€1185,75	€225,15	€1410,15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced fee (selected organisations*)				
<i>Member of</i> _____	€1185,75	€225,15	€1410,15	<input type="checkbox"/>
ExpertDesk & Other discounts	code _____			<input type="checkbox"/>

A group discount to the standard fee applies to the second and each additional participant of an organisation. Members of selected trade organisations or holders of a discount code can apply for a reduced fee.

Participation can be cancelled at no cost until 4 weeks before the seminar. Cancellations within 4 weeks of the event will be charged 75%. Cancellations within 2 weeks of the event will be charged in full. It is always possible to send a replacement.

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Payment options:

- Bank transfer** – Please transfer the total fee to chemSIX BV, ABN Amro Bank account nr. 61.03.93.375 mentioning: participant name, organisation name and date of the event.
- Credit card** – Please visit www.reachexpertdesk.com if you wish to pay online

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