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Automotive Industry Guideline on REACH revised

Version 2 of the Automotive Industry Guideline on REACH (AIG) has been published by the automotive Task Force on REACH (TF-REACH).

In preparation for REACH, representatives of all the major vehicle manufacturers and the automotive supply chain formed TF-REACH. The TF recommends a common schedule and external communication strategy, which will harmonise the sector's response to REACH and avoid duplication and confusion by taking into consideration the Automotive Industry specific criteria and tools. The TF's approach and recommendations are outlined in this version 2 of the Automotive Industry Guideline on REACH (AIG). It will be translated into French, Italian, Korean, German and Japanese by March to assist the global supply chain in understanding REACH and adopting these recommendations.

The European REACH Regulation 1907/2006 came into force on 1 June 2007 and affects all industries. It requires immediate and ongoing action from the OEMs and suppliers. Under REACH, Substances manufactured or imported on their own or in preparations, as well as substances intended to be released from articles, need to be pre-registered and then registered according to the REACH timeline. Additionally, Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) may require authorisation and may be restricted. In any case they need to be identified in articles and communicated throughout the supply chain and to the consumer. Companies that do not comply with REACH will have no market, so REACH poses a threat to business continuity for any company doing business in the EU (and for businesses with customers or suppliers who do business in the EU).

Changes from version 1 of the AIG are listed in Annex E and include new flow charts for the use of an Only Representative, for the Importer, and an 8-step compliance schedule that summarises the key tasks and recommended deadlines for the Automotive Industry's harmonised response to its obligations under REACH. The focus for the first half of 2008 is for all OEMs and all tiers of the supply chain to cascade the Declaration of Intent questionnaire (Annex C) to understand suppliers' pre-registration intentions.

For more information and to download v2 of the AIG free of charge, see www.acea.be/reach

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