



## **Pafra Adhesives and the REACH regulation**

### **What is REACH?**

The new **REACH** Regulation; **R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals will impact all manufacturers, importers and users of chemicals within the European Union:

- The main aims of REACH are to reduce the impact chemical substances have on the environment and to protect the health and safety of people working with and using them;
- Industry will be responsible for assessing the safety of chemicals they make or use;
- Some high hazard chemicals will be subject to authorisation or may be restricted and
- All European manufactures, importers and users of chemicals will need to communicate information up and down the supply chain.

### **Pafra is ready for REACH**

Pafra Adhesives in conjunction with trade associations started preparing for REACH long before REACH first entered into force in June 2007.

We have been and remain in communication with our suppliers to establish which materials, if any, will no longer be available under REACH. Our findings to date assure us that we will be able to continue manufacturing our current range of adhesives and therefore we do not anticipate our customers will be affected.

In the unlikely event that one of our suppliers can no longer supply us with a substance, our expert technical team is ready to substitute alternatives to ensure the continued supply of the affected product. Should the need ever arise for us to withdraw a product; our technical team will work closely with our suppliers and customers to ensure a smooth transition to a suitable alternative.

## What needs to be done?

From June to end November 2008 all substances falling under REACH should be pre-registered. This will enable importers and manufactures to delay full registration until the incremental registration deadlines, based on quantity manufactured or imported:

- Quantities over 1000 tonnes per year and high hazard materials have until December 2010;
- Quantities from 100 to 1000 tonnes per year have until December 2013 and
- Quantities from 1 to 100 tonnes per year have until December 2018.

Substances not pre-registered before December 2008 will need to be withdrawn from the European market until they are fully registered. Our adhesive products are not required to be registered under REACH as they are classified as preparations. Only the components used to make them will require (pre) registration.

## We will need your help

Where a hazard exists there is a requirement to develop an exposure scenario which will form part of the safety data information sheet that we will be passing on to our customers.

To aid our suppliers in making the correct registrations and complete safety documentation, we will seek "use" information from our customers. This "use" information may include how you store, use and dispose of the products. This information is not required until full registration and so may not be collected for some years.

## What can we do for you?

If you need any help, please feel free to direct any questions to your local Sales Executive or our Compliance Manager who will be happy to work through your REACH concerns.