

## **Compliance with REACH regulation – supplier actions expected**

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European parliament and of the council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) entered into force on 1 June 2007 and will be fully implemented by 2018.

Ericsson and suppliers to Ericsson have obligations according to the REACH regulation. Examples of obligations are pre-registration and registration, communication in the supply chain, notification of substances of very high concern (SVHC), classification and labeling and any obligations resulting from authorisations or restrictions. The obligations become effective in stages; this means that different deadlines apply over the next 10 years.

Two obligations that are important initially are the obligations regarding (Pre-)Registration and Information for customers.

### (Pre-)Registration

REACH requires that all substances must be registered before manufacture or import can continue. The Regulation creates special transition periods for substances already on the market. In order to benefit from the transition periods with extended registration deadlines, substances must be pre-registered between 1 June 2008 and 1 December 2008. Depending on the properties of the substance, along with its tonnage, it will then need to be registered by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 or 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Substances which have not been pre-registered must be registered before manufacture or import can continue.

Suppliers have to attend to this requirement to ensure a continued supply of substances used in their processes in order to prevent disruptions in the supply of articles to Ericsson.

For more information on the pre-registration and registration see the ECHA<sup>1)</sup> Guidance on pre-registration [http://reach.jrc.it/03\\_rdds\\_web\\_content/pre-registration\\_en/pre-registration\\_en.pdf](http://reach.jrc.it/03_rdds_web_content/pre-registration_en/pre-registration_en.pdf) and Guidance on registration [http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance\\_document/registration\\_en.htm](http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance_document/registration_en.htm).

### Information for Customers

Article 33 of REACH requires suppliers to inform the recipient and consumers if an article contains any of the substances on the candidate list<sup>2)</sup> above certain limits.

Ericsson is through materials declarations preparing to meet this requirement and may contact suppliers for further support.

## Ericsson expectations on suppliers

Ericsson expects its suppliers (as manufacturers or importers of substances, preparations or articles) to ensure the continued supply to Ericsson by fulfilling their obligations according to the REACH regulation, e.g. pre-registration and registration.

Suppliers to Ericsson are expected to communicate with their suppliers regarding fulfillment of the REACH obligations when applicable.

Ericsson expects suppliers based outside EU to manage the REACH obligations of importers, e.g. by having a so called "only representative"<sup>3)</sup> in EU.

## Further information

For further information contact Ericsson through <http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/contact/question.shtml>

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) webpage (<http://echa.europa.eu/>) provides further details and guidance on the REACH Regulation.

<sup>1)</sup> European Chemicals Agency

<sup>2)</sup> List of substances of very high concern for potential inclusion in REACH Annex XIV, which lists substances subject to authorisation (REACH Article 59). The establishment of the candidate list is subject to specific procedures described in REACH Article 59.

<sup>3)</sup> See Article 8 (2) of the REACH regulation or section 1.5.3.4 of the Guidance on Registration, for more information on "only representative" (<http://echa.europa.eu/>).