

Authorization

Authorization is one of the REACH processes for managing the risks of hazardous substances. Substances that are subject to authorization may not be used in the EU unless a company (and their registered users) have been authorized to do so. This will mean that such substances are eventually phased out of all non-essential uses.

The substances that qualify for consideration for authorization are known as 'Substances of Very High Concern' (SVHC).

Substances to which the authorization regime will apply are listed in Annex XIV of REACH. For each substance included on Annex XIV, a deadline will be set after which use of that substance in the EU must stop (known as the 'sunset date'), unless authorized. Some substances may be accompanied by a list of specific-uses that do not require authorization.

Once the sunset date has passed for an Annex XIV substance, only uses which have been specifically 'authorized' (or which do not require authorization) will be allowed.

We have a proven record to take its obligation to apply for authorization for important internal as well as customer uses serious.

