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## PRESENTATION ABSTRACT

### **REACH Implementation by a Small Chemical Manufacturer: Key Aspects and Requirements**

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One year after the adoption of the controversial European Union (EU) Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) legislation, there are still many U.S. companies that are not prepared to address the requirements for continuing to sell into the EU. REACH puts the burden of proof on the producer and importer to show that substances are safe before they can be placed on the market. REACH affects not only Europe but also U.S. firms that manufacture and export chemicals, preparations, and articles to the EU. The US exports more than \$20 billion in chemical products and exports more than \$400 billion in products containing chemicals.

This presentation gives a brief review of the requirements for REACH and describes the steps taken by a U.S. chemical manufacturer classified as a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) to meet the pre-registration requirements and how the manufacturer plans to comply with the registration requirements for fewer than 20 chemical substances.

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