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The REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) legislation will have major implications for companies within the UK and EU that produce, import or use chemical substances. Under this legislation companies will have to Register the chemicals they use, and for the more dangerous substances will also have to carry out a Chemical Safety Assessment and produce a Chemical Safety Report outlining the conditions under which the substance can be used safely. Substances that have certain hazardous properties may also be subject to an Authorisation process.

BRE Environmental Consultancy can assist clients in many areas of REACH, including:

- data searching
- prediction of environmental fate and effects of chemicals in the environment
- estimating emissions to the environment from point and diffuse sources
- preparation of their Registration Dossiers, Chemical Safety Assessments and Chemical Safety Reports
- checking of Registration Dossiers
- acting as co-ordinator for industry consortia
- advice on testing requirements
- advice on Authorisations
- testing chemical emissions from products
- air quality studies and assessment of inhalation exposure.

BRE is recognised as expert in the environmental risk assessment of chemicals. We provide advice to clients on the environmental risk associated with the production, use and disposal of chemicals and act as advisors to both government and industry. We have been involved in the development of EU Technical Guidance Documents that are being produced for the REACH process, and have carried out environmental risk assessments of many types of chemicals under EU and OECD programmes.

As well as literature based work, BRE Environmental Consultancy has extensive experience of measurement of chemical emissions from materials and consumer products as well as studies of indoor and outdoor air pollution and the associated exposure of people.

If you wish to learn more about the services that BRE provides on the environmental assessment of chemicals please contact the helpdesk on 01923 664500 or email reach@bre.co.uk.

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