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PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA REACH-IT

ECHA would like to stress that REACH-IT is the only means specified by the Agency for companies to submit valid pre-registrations.

The only route which can be used for pre-registering substances is the REACH–IT system. In order to pre-register, companies have to sign up to the REACH-IT portal on the ECHA website. The pre-registration and REACH-IT sections of the ECHA website give detailed information on how to submit.

Today ECHA has again increased the capacity of REACH-IT and further enhanced the performance, especially for bulk pre-registrations. These modifications have substantially improved the availability and speed of the system but it may still exhibit slow response times during peak hours. Companies experiencing this are advised to be patient and continue with their submission where possible. In addition, companies wishing to minimise the time spent in pre-registering are advised to consider submitting their pre-registrations outside of peak hours. Companies should also remember that bulk pre-registration is the fastest method for submitting many substances which have EC numbers.

ECHA reminds companies that the pre-registration deadline of December 1st, set out in the REACH Regulation, cannot be extended by ECHA. In order to guarantee that industry can pre-register by 1 December 2008, ECHA has developed a back-up submission procedure. This procedure will be put in place only if REACH-IT is not able to absorb the influx of last-minute submissions during the final phase of pre-registration. In that case, the submission of pre-registrations directly via a web form on the ECHA website would be enabled for companies that have already signed up in REACH-IT and obtained a user account. As pre-registration by REACH-IT is the only way to rapidly receive pre-registration numbers and join the pre-SIEF, ECHA advises companies not to wait for the last day but to pre-register via REACH-IT over the coming week.

Further Information

Detailed information on the **pre-registration process** is available at:
http://echa.europa.eu/pre-registration_en.asp

Information **how to submit a pre-registration** file via REACH-IT is available at:
http://echa.europa.eu/reachit/pre-registration-it_en.asp

ECHA website http://echa.europa.eu/reachit/portal_en.asp

REACH-IT statistics:

Date	Number of pre-registrations	On-line pre-registrations	Daily number of users	Number of bulk files submitted	Company sign-ups
20/11/2008	51,304	14,616	9,819	720	1,459
19/11/2008	49,285	15,221	9,586	702	1,319
18/11/2008	63,107	15,797	9,613	867	1,422
17/11/2008	24,477	13,208	8,339	566	1,017
16/11/2008	8,175	4,585	1,619	162	243
15/11/2008	8,721	4,864	1,815	161	406
14/11/2008	57,939	9,745	7,691	624	1,083
13/11/2008	26,562	10,056	8,438	577	960