

SME definition and benefits under REACH

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What is an SME?

- SME means a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise within the meaning of [Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:124:0036:0041:en:PDF) (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:124:0036:0041:en:PDF>)

Enterprise category	Headcount	Turnover or Balance sheet total	
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Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 million	≤ € 43 million
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 million	≤ € 10 million
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 million	≤ € 2 million

** Remember that all partners and linked enterprises should be considered in order to meet the thresholds*

Benefits for SMEs under REACH

- SMEs benefit from fee reductions, depending on their size
- SME fee reduction up to 90%

How does it work?



Practical steps

- Get familiar with the provisions of the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC
- Collect all the documents needed to establish the company size
- Assess and declare your size correctly at the time of each submission
- Enterprises declare their size at the registration stage

NB: The Only Representatives should declare the size of the non-EU manufacturer that they represent and **NOT** that of their own.

Thank You.

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