

# **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](#)

Enterprise category	Headcount	Turnover or Balance sheet total	
		Turnover	Balance sheet total
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 95%

**How does it work?**



## Practical steps

- Get familiar with the provisions of the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC **and the new SME definition - User guide and model declaration**
- 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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