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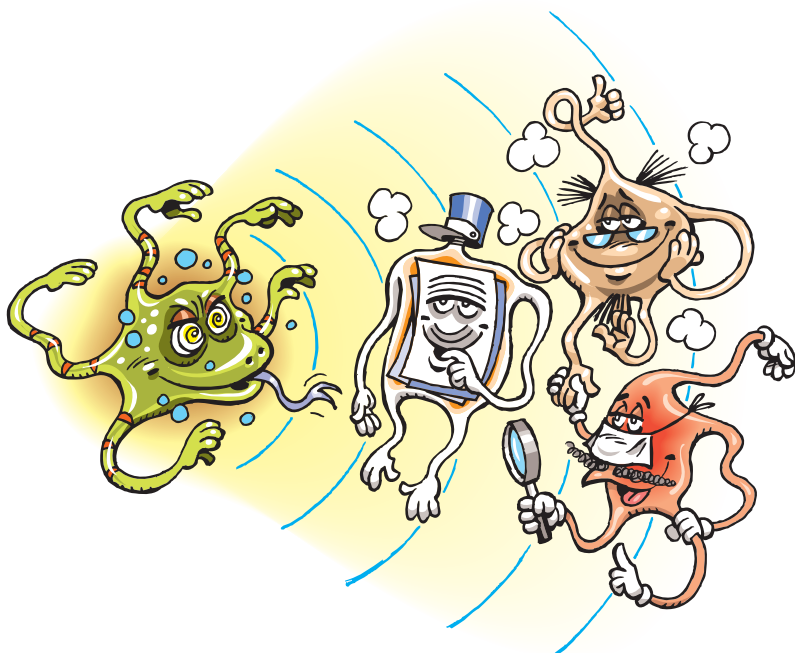
REACH

Registration - Evaluation - Authorization - of Chemical substances

The Reach regulation, entered into force on June 1st, 2007, shows the European Union's will to improve the protection of human health and of the environment by a better knowledge of intrinsic properties of chemicals and risks linked to their use.

The main aim of this project is to dispose on a near future, for the substances which will be kept on the market, of a knowledge equivalent to that required for today's registration of new substances.

A calendar has been defined for progressive registration of existing substances, taking into account their level of dissemination; the project being supposed to be fully implemented 11 years after the enforcement of the text.



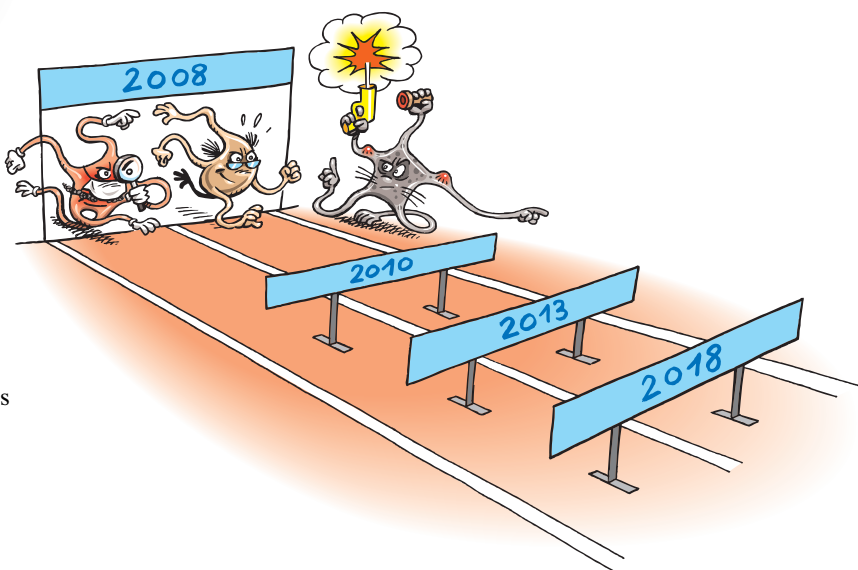
▶ In reality many questions remain unanswered, at the risk of generating, for anyone somehow involved in the production or distribution chain, confusion even increased by the circulation of false information...

Do you dispose of enlightened experts, who will prevent you from going in the wrong direction or maybe engage useless expenses?



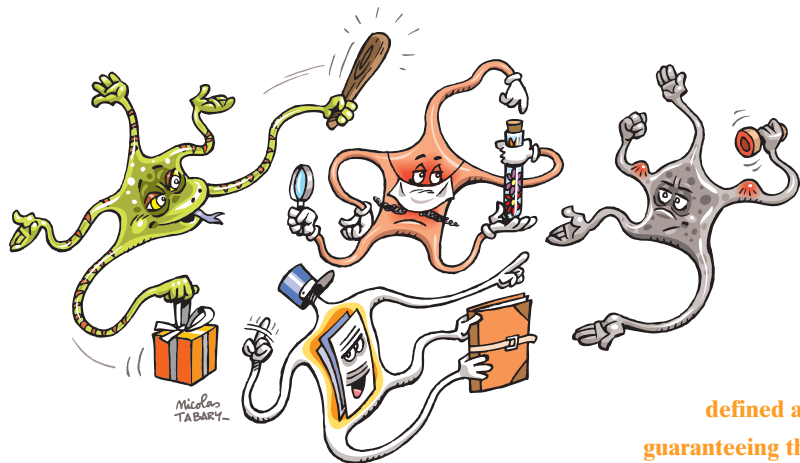
▶ The tonnages of products will eventually follow the markets' demands and change over the time. Not pre-registering a chemical with a strong potential, but produced today in a quantity below one ton, raises the industrial risk, past the 2010, 2013 or 2018 deadline, to have to register this existing substance as a new one...

Have you thought about it?



▶ As a matter of fact, it is essential that, while complying with the requirements of this new regulation, producers and importers of chemicals do not look for more than necessary to prove the very knowledge they have of their products, and can rely on historic data collected since their marketing.

Are you surrounded with the appropriate "competences" to complete the pre-registration of your substances in the best conditions?



▶ It has been defined that, except for particular cases, substances of natural origin must be registered as chemical substances do. This is not without posing very serious problems, not only regarding the criteria adopted for their characterisation, but also as for analytical method to implement...

Whether you are a producer or a downstream user, have you defined a strategy and are you in possession of information guaranteeing that your approach is consistent with you colleagues' one?

You have already faced one or all of these questions? This means that you are directly concerned by the impact that the REACH regulation will ultimately have on your activities.

Our team of technicians, familiar with technical-regulatory matters, surrounded by multidisciplinary researchers, is at your disposal to tackle each of the questions you still have and look with you for the most adequate way to answer them.

By simply taking the initiative of a first phone call to us, you might take the chance to spare hours of work or inappropriate expenses... A minor risk for great profits... That's all we suggest you to do for now on...

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