

Policy Statement

Bitrez Ltd specialises in the design, development and manufacture of synthetic resins, polymers and industrial chemicals serving a diverse number of market sectors.

We are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest level of service to our current and future customer base in all aspects of our business. It is our policy to ensure compliance with prevailing legislative requirement and where possible surpass these requirements to protect the welfare of our staff, our customers and the public. We have evaluated our product range under the EU REACH regulations and are committed to;

- Compliance with the EU REACH regulations in accordance with the directives given.
- Alignment with responsible suppliers to ensure continuity of raw material feed stocks.
- Resolution of any supply issues and material source management to ensure conformance.
- Registration of materials manufactured or imported.
- Offering assistance with customer assessment, exposure data and usage
- Promotion of information interchange to further assist with safety, environmental and regulatory requirements
- Satisfying new safety data sheet requirements
- Look at substitution work for problematic materials and hazardous compositions.
- Development products are formulated for compliance with regulatory requirements from concept.

Our policy on EU REACH will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary. We are confident of compliance and continuity of supply of the product portfolio currently offered by the Company and the development programs working for future demands. We believe that the EU REACH regulations present opportunities, not restrictions and compliance will not hinder our innovative approach to business. We will continue to offer highly efficient technical service and will be extending the scope of our research and development functions. We are confident that EU REACH will not restrict our future supply or development strategy and should not impede those made by our customers. Special care will be taken to protect commercial and technological strengths. We feel that for confidential applications it will be appropriate to work closely with customers on how to best safeguard technology and ensure that proprietary information is protected.

UK REACH

Following the end of the transition period for Brexit the EU REACH Regulation has been brought into UK law. This means we now have to comply with EU REACH and UK REACH. The UK and the EU regulatory agencies operate independently from each other, so companies supplying and purchasing to and from the EU/EEA and UK must be registered with both agencies (ECHA and the UK Agency, i.e. the HSE) separately in order to maintain or gain access to both markets. The UK REACH Regulation will replicate the EU REACH Regulation's provision for Only Representatives (ORs). Third country manufacturers, formulators and producers of articles wanting to trade into the UK will be able to appoint a UK-based OR to take on their duties under the UK REACH Regulation.

As our products are predominantly polymeric, they are currently UK REACH exempt, so we expect that if supplier registrations are completed in a timely manner there should be no disruption. The UK Government have extended the original UK REACH registration deadlines and are currently looking at alternative transitional registration models (ATRM). A consultation is expected in 2024, and Bitrez are following updates to this situation closely. Communication is a key principle of both EU and UK REACH, and we continue to monitor the developments and keep customers informed of the compliance of our products.

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