

## REACH

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At Carus Corporation we are aware that REACH became effective on 1 June 2007 and that the pre-registration starts on 1 June 2008 (ending 1 December 2008). The European Chemical Agency will publish the list of preliminary registered chemicals on 1 January 2009. More information on REACH can be found at <http://echa.europa.eu/> and <http://ecb.jrc.it/reach/>

We at Carus Corporation are committed to meeting our legal obligations under REACH and have therefore started preparing for our role as an Importer in Europe, through Carus Nalón. The first step of these preparations consists of compiling in-house information, gathering existing data on the products that we manufacture and import, and having informal talks with suppliers and customers. We have already gathered the necessary data for the pre-registration.

As part of the registration process we will need to declare the usage of the products that we supply. We are in the process of consulting our customers to fulfill this obligation. We are also consulting our suppliers to check if they are going to comply with REACH. Indeed the chemical industry has expressed a general concern about the potential for some chemical substances to be withdrawn from the general European market as a consequence of REACH.

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