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Launch of EuPC's REACH Club

October 2009 marks the beginning of EuPC's REACH Club (www.reachclub.eu) comprised of plastics experts from EuPC's network of plastics industry associations. The Club's aim is to bring together people with serious knowledge of REACH and with responsibilities related to its implementation in their companies. REACH, an EU Regulation obliging producers and importers to register their chemical substances and provide safety information, has been particularly thorny for the plastics industry.

Members of REACH Club have privileged access to the 'Forum', an Internet platform where they can improve their knowledge of the Regulation by the cross fertilisation of experience with other REACH experts. Furthermore, the REACH Club allows its members access to its 'Webinars' and the REACH presentations archives. Finally, members of REACH Club will receive daily updates on the implementation of REACH in the plastics industry and will have exclusive access to sectoral information collected by a European network of experts.

REACH Club offers networking opportunities for anyone interested in REACH and its impact on the plastics industry. Through the 'Forum' members of the club can obtain valuable information and guidance on how to prepare for compliance and learn:

- In which cases they, as downstream users, have obligations to register substances under REACH;
- What type of information they need to collect in order to prepare their registration dossier;
- Why they should join a SIEF (Substance Information Exchange Forum); and
- How they will know if one or more substances you are using or producing is no longer authorised on the market.

Moreover, they will have the ability to propose topics for discussion ask questions to other plastics experts registered in the forum and comment on the posts published on the message board.

Following the success of its REACH conferences and workshops, and in order to better answer the needs of an increasingly wider audience, the REACH Club will organise a series of 'Webinars'. These will help complete REACH Club members' knowledge on REACH and answer any questions they may have about the way they are currently handling related issues, and can be followed from anywhere in the world.

To be eligible for membership of the REACH Club, candidates must be responsible for the implementation of REACH in their company and be employed by a company that is a member of the EuPC Plastics Network, i.e. a member of any of the 50 associations affiliated with EuPC. Finally, the annual membership fee to join the best plastics REACH community available in Europe ranges from €700 to €1,000, depending on the number of experts per company.

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