

## WCL and REACH

**As a Company already registered to BS EN ISO 14001:1994, Whitby and Chandler Ltd has a lasting commitment to sustainable development. We subscribe to the objectives of the REACH legislation, as it aims to maximize transparency of information and to minimize the use of harmful substances. The goal is to enhance both human health and the environment.**

REACH entered into force on 1 June 2007. It demands manufacturers and importers of chemical substances to register the substances on the European market for their intended purposes. Risk analysis and technical documented files will be made. The available information will be transparent throughout the supply chain.

The first step of pre-registration started on 1 June 2008 and will end on 1 December 2008. The ECHA<sup>1</sup> in Helsinki gathers all pre-registration records and a full list will be available from 1 January 2009.

Phase 1, running until 2010, holds the registration of CMR<sup>2</sup> substances and substances produced in quantities over 1000 ton per year.

Phase 2 is the registration of substances in the 100-1000 tonnage range and runs until 2013.

Phase 3 deadline is 2018 and holds the registration of substances produced in quantities of 1-100 ton per year. Substances not reaching the 1 ton per year threshold are not required to be registered. New substances to the market have to be registered immediately.

As a classic downstream user, we have already contacted the majority of our suppliers to ask them to pre-register their substances, raw materials or articles, which are used in our processes.

**On the basis of today's knowledge and the results of our current analysis we can inform you that our range of products is not subject to REACH Regulations and is not intended for pre-registration and registration.**

WCL has already attended updating Safety Data Sheets for all gasket sheet materials as required by REACH. All our currently issued MSDS are valid until recall.

If you have any questions regarding this information or would you like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.