



## ITW REACH Statement

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Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW) began preparing for the requirements of the European Union (EU) Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical substances (REACH) years ahead of the first REACH deadline. ITW consulted with outside legal and technical experts regarding REACH compliance. Within the organization, various communication channels were utilized to raise REACH awareness.

The ITW Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Group (ITW EHS) works directly with ITW divisions in the United States to amalgamate EU export information for affected chemical substances. ITW EHS works indirectly with the separate legal entities of ITW both within and outside the EU in regard to REACH. Separate legal entities within ITW have their own REACH compliance programs and may be contacted directly for REACH questions or discussion.

The current status of the REACH compliance program for ITW divisions is as follows:

Chemical substance totals from our divisional business units have been collected and compiled. We have appointed a division of ITW Ireland as our Only Representative (OR) to complete REACH pre-registration and subsequent registration requirements. Our OR has completed the pre-registration of all affected substances (those that exceed the registration threshold of 1 metric ton per year and are not otherwise exempted) using the REACH-IT portal on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) web site.

Registration has been completed for all affected substances subject to the December 2010 REACH registration deadline though the vast majority of affected substances are subject to the June 2013 or June 2018 deadline due to their tonnage bands and hazardous properties. We continue to work with Substance Information Exchange Forums (SIEFs) to secure the information required for preparation and submission of our individual registration dossiers. We have no current plans to not register any particular affected substance. However, we note that events beyond our control such as ECHA or supplier actions may affect our ability to register all affected substances. We plan to address other REACH requirements such as those pertaining to Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) and supply chain communication by the relevant REACH deadlines. Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) regulation requirements regarding C&L notification were completed in December 2010 for applicable substances.

Please contact Ken Brown of ITW EHS for questions or discussion regarding REACH. If your inquiry pertains to a legal entity other than ITW itself, you will be directed to a REACH contact within that separate legal entity.

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