

## how it will affect **YOUR** business.

# An important message from HSE

### Will it affect me?

Probably. **REACH** will impact on almost all UK business sectors. From retailers to builders, food manufacturers to printers – most businesses use some form of chemicals.

### What does REACH mean?

Literally, it means **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals. In practical terms, it means that you could have new legal obligations.

### What if I ignore it?

You could find that a product which is critical to the operation of your business might disappear from the market.

### How can I find out more information?

Come along to one of the free briefings taking place during September and October.

**REACH** will have an impact on anybody who use chemicals. The nationwide briefings will be of particular interest to:

- Managing Directors
- Buyers
- Facilities Managers
- Health and safety representatives

### Some sectors likely to be affected are:

- Automotive
- Chemical manufacturers
- Food preparation and handling
- Metals and other material industries
- Utilities – supply and maintenance
- Builders and decorators
- Building materials
- Paper and board
- Aerospace
- Chemical importers
- Shipping
- Air conditioning

Find out more about **REACH** and its likely impact on you by coming along to one of these free briefings:

England	5 September, Elland Road, Leeds
Wales	5 October, Village Inn, Cardiff
Northern Ireland	10 October, Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick
Scotland	16 October, George Hotel, Edinburgh

As well as these four national conferences the Competent Authority will also be holding a number of regional events throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Although the conferences are free to attend, please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. Note that these events are aimed at those with little or no knowledge of **REACH**.

To register your interest in any of these events, please contact the Competent Authority on:

# 0845 408 9574

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