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## **X-Rite and REACH Compliance**

REACH is the European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use ([EC 1907/2006](#)). It deals with the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical** substances. The new law entered into force on 1 June 2007. All X-Rite suppliers are urged to become familiar with the regulation.

REACH affects the availability and allowable use of practically all chemicals and materials used in manufacturing in the EU either on their own or in finished products. REACH will phase in to effect from 2007 to 2018 with increasing requirements being placed on suppliers of substances, preparations, and articles into the European Community.

The first major event in the implementation of REACH was the period June 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 when importers or manufacturers of chemicals and materials already on the market in the EU could pre-register them. X-Rite suppliers were sent a letter requesting that they comply with any required registration activities as appropriate to the items they supply X-Rite.

The second major REACH event went into effect October 28, 2008 when 15 substances were placed on the Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). Effective with this list, suppliers of articles are required to provide SVHC content information when requested by customers for these articles.

In order to help provide this information on X-Rite products when requested by our customers, X-Rite is asking all of its suppliers to provide information on the SVHC content of the substances, preparations and articles that they provide to X-Rite. This information will be used to populate a knowledge base of SVHC information for X-Rite products. In addition, where deemed necessary by X-Rite, product testing will be utilized to determine the SVHC content of products, thus adding this information to the knowledge base as well.

X-Rite intends to comply with the requirements of REACH as it continues to be phased in over the next few years. The action of obtaining and documenting the SVHC substance content as well as responding to future REACH directives will require time and due diligence on behalf of X-Rite and all of its suppliers. X-Rite is committed to completing this action in as timely of a manner as possible.