



## 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, Safety and Sustainability Group (ITW EHSS) works directly with ITW divisions in the United States to amalgamate direct EU export information for affected chemical substances. ITW EHSS 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 regarding REACH.

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

Initial chemical substance totals from our divisional business units were collected and compiled. These substance totals are updated on a semiannual basis. We 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 was completed for all affected substances subject to the December 2010 and June 2013 REACH registration deadlines though the vast majority of affected substances are subject to the 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 joint registration dossiers. We have no current plans to not register any particular affected substances except those subject to Authorization. However, we note that events beyond our control such as ECHA or supplier actions may affect our ability to register all affected substances. We address other REACH requirements such as those pertaining to Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) and supply chain communication on an ongoing basis. Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) regulation requirements regarding initial C+L notification were completed in December 2010 for applicable substances.

Please contact Ken Brown of ITW EHSS 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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