

# DESIGN CHAIN ASSOCIATES

## REACH COMPLIANCE SERVICES



**Are you being PROACTIVE for REACH?** REACH entered in to force on June 1, 2007. Pre-registration activities must occur between June 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008. Shortly thereafter, the candidate list for Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) will be issued and your customers and consumers will start asking you whether your products contain any of these substances (Article 33).

DCA's suite of REACH compliance services will enable you to get ahead of your competitors and gain strategic advantage in the continued race to improve product environmental performance.

Whether you envision REACH as an opportunity to leap ahead of your competition with alternative technologies, materials or products to gain market share, or simply ensure that you reduce fiduciary risk and meet REACH compliance requirements, DCA has the expertise to help you achieve your goals by offering the following services:

**Implementation Planning** We can help you develop your strategy, tactics, and project plan to comply with REACH via training, gap analysis, risk analysis, data collection, and more.

**Training and Education** Training for Article Manufacturers and their Supply Chains on the basics of REACH, setting up implementation plans, emerging Best Practices, and more

- ❖ In-house or Webcast
- ❖ Internal, Supply chain, or Customers
- ❖ Executive or Line
- ❖ Workshops – surveying the supply base, bidirectional information flow and content, substance research, etc.

**Gap Analysis** The REACH timetable requires action now. DCA can evaluate your business's current state and make recommendations ranging from a complete, step-by-step plan to achieve compliance to helping tweak, focus, and align your current business processes and future activities.

**Product Portfolio Risk Analysis** DCA offers a variety of levels of service, which can include

- ❖ **Risk Assessment and Mitigation** Where in your supply chain is pre-registration required? What potential SVHCs are used? What are the potential consequences across financial, legal,

manufacturing process, customer, and product spectra? DCA will work with you to develop a survey for your supply chain, assess the results, and determine next steps.

- ❖ **Data Collection and Investigation** Article 33 of REACH requires communication of substances on the SVHC candidate list down the supply chain as well as in response to consumer inquiries. DCA can efficiently provide the necessary expertise and advise on services.

- ❖ **Pre-Registration Preparation** After adequate supply chain scrutiny we can help you ensure that you and your supply chain are ready to pre-register where needed.

**Information Management** REACH requires extensive 2-way communication through your supply chain. How will you capture and manage that data?

**Program Management** We can mentor or be your sounding board, or even help you manage your REACH compliance program.

**Legal Services** Through our European legal connections we can provide legal advice on SIEF, Only representative, and Third-party representative contract negotiations.

**Other Services** Need a REACH service you don't see here? Please ask!

**Depend on Design Chain Associates** Our seasoned team has expertise in engineering, manufacturing, European law, supply chain management, quality, executive management, and program managing complex environmental compliance projects at sophisticated manufacturers. We know the legislation, the supply chain, and we know the needs of OEMs. DCA has associates throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. We can help you define and meet your environmental performance and compliance goals. Make sure you can still ship product worldwide and gain competitive advantage: Talk to DCA.