

The Acta Group (Acta®): Industry's "One-Stop Solution" for Global or Local Chemical Regulatory Compliance

The Acta Group (Acta®) provides a full-range of global support services for the processes of obtaining and maintaining approvals to market industrial chemicals, biocides, and chemical products. Acta's expertise includes the European Union's (EU) Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation, Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR), Plant Protection Products (PPP) Regulation, Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation, and Directive on the Restriction of the use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS 2). In addition to providing expert knowledge and services for European regulatory compliance, Acta personnel have gained a well-deserved reputation for developing and providing unparalleled global compliance solutions. Acta's worldwide expertise includes, but is not limited to, the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), Korea's Act for the Registration and Evaluation of Chemicals (K-REACH), and "China REACH."

Acta knows that clients must function optimally in all jurisdictions in which they market and/or place products to remain competitive. We help them get there through our global reach. Acta partners with our clients to help them get products quickly and efficiently to market -- in any country or locale -- and keep them there when challenged by a new regulatory regime, issue, or set of rules. Acta professionals include scientists and business and regulatory consultants. Acta assists clients by managing products from concept to approval, supporting compliance in complex supply chains, and delivering skills and experience with specific product areas in government and industry. Acta's well-established global presence, organisational efficiency, and contacts in industry are substantial contributors to our continuous delivery of efficient, comprehensive, and cost-conscious services to many successful clients.

The swiftly approaching 31 May 2018 REACH registration deadline is currently keeping chemical manufacturers, laboratories, regulatory staff, lawyers, and others busy. Importantly, REACH obligations do not cease upon submission of registration dossiers. Compliance checks by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and Member State Competent Authorities are ever-increasing. The possibilities of additional animal and non-animal data requirements for substances post-registration are significant. Data sharing rules and guidelines under REACH, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/9 on Joint Submission of Data and Data-sharing in Accordance with the REACH Regulation, and ECHA's Guidance on Data Sharing require monetary reimbursements to Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) participants as SIEFs grow in size and

additional registrants share data. Numerous chemical manufacturers and importers are likely to expect reimbursements from Lead Registrants following the REACH deadline next year. It is expected that ECHA will continue to make intentional and diverse efforts post-2018 in the context of REACH to improve protection of human health and the environment, and thereby require "new" efforts from the global chemical industry to improve chemical safety and reduce risk. Through over a decade of experience gained as Only Representative and Third Party Representative, and via provision of ad hoc REACH consulting services, Acta staff members in Manchester, England, are uniquely well-suited to assist companies across the globe in managing their REACH obligations after the 2018 registration deadline. Relatedly, the global dedicated Acta team is highly skilled in assisting companies in maximising the benefits of broad-based REACH-related efforts in the pursuit of compliance with similar or dissimilar industrial chemical regulations across the globe.

Innovators of biocidal products and treated articles are often confronted with the evolving, challenging, and varied requirements of BPR. The appropriate product-type for a particular creation is not always immediately apparent to manufacturers and a number of active substances remain restricted under BPR for certain products due to its phased implementation. Companies must consider the Review Program and the Article 95 List, in conjunction with their respective budgets and goals, in developing compliance and EU-wide sales strategies for their products. ECHA is imposing frequent BPR deadlines in 2017 and 2018 as part of an effort to "harmonise the market," and procedures such as Union Authorisation and Simplified Authorisation are becoming increasingly important and relevant. Currently, BPR compliance strategies often vary significantly depending upon key target markets within the EU. Acta follows BPR-related developments and jurisprudence closely, and is expertly positioned to assist companies in managing BPR compliance to maintain uninterrupted market access and business prosperity. Acta's global experience with biocides, including our longstanding FIFRA expertise, is a significant contributor to our understanding of business-oriented and regulatory issues that affect European biocides companies.

Acta has frequently received recognition from clients and industry globally for our previous



and ongoing demonstrations of excellence. Recently, Acta received the Supply Chains Award at the Chemicals Northwest Awards, hosted at Crowne Plaza Liverpool City Centre on 30 March 2017. Acta's nomination for this prestigious award was based on our work discovering, developing, and implementing creative pathways for REACH, K-REACH, TSCA, and FIFRA compliance for challenging chemical approval matters in indirect and complex supply chains. Acta's success in completing the award-winning project was influenced heavily by our sound scientific understanding, knowledge of subtle differences among worldwide regulations, and legal understanding and skill related to the development of creative, compliant strategies for managing Confidential Business Information. Acta is proud to have been held in such high regard by the United Kingdom's important and dynamic chemical industry. As always, Chemicals Northwest organised a terrific, well-attended event that attracted respected chemical regulatory and business professionals from across the country.

There are many chemical industry service providers that offer jurisdiction-specific or regional regulatory assistance and address scientific issues, but few with the depth of experience, global awareness, and understanding of the strategic business and technical requirements of complex chemical products marketed across jurisdictions that Acta provides. With multiple global offices, and with highly-experienced expert staff who have actively assessed regulatory programs and their implications, Acta is uniquely well-suited to assist innovators to monetise their creations and to support various entities to navigate complex regulatory, scientific, policy, and commercial challenges.

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