GETTING READY FOR REACH 2018

James Hagan, Global Director of Product Stewardship and Compliance at Elementis Specialties, explains the challenges of REACH 2018 and how EUPHOR, a Registration Management System tailored to compliance regulations, is helping Elementis prepare for the 2018 deadline.

The Challenge: Meeting REACH 2018 full compliance with limited resources

The 2018 REACH Campaign applies to substances manufactured or imported in the EU of more than 1 metric ton per year. This new phase of REACH will require numerous companies to register many more substances than they registered in REACH 2010 or 2013. Elementis, a global Specialty Chemical company, is going to register 4 times the number of substances than were registered in 2013.

Historically, Elementis would have considered significantly increasing the number of resources devoted to generating the data and assembling the dossiers drawn from a breadth and depth of technologies and geographies. The increased number of data points, tasks and people working on the project substantially raises the probability for an error or missed event.

When reviewing the registration requirements and the project plan, Elementis recognized that its previous registration approach and the current landscape of available project management tools would be inadequate for the scope of REACH 2018. Registration of so many substances is an extraordinary challenge to both internal and external registration teams. Efficiently tracking the progress of each registration, managing all the data for each substance, tracking every activity, staying on schedule and managing the registration budget presented a significant project management challenge.

Elementis’ previous reliance on Excel, email and standard project management tools to manage all the activities was not going to deliver the necessary return on investment. Elementis demanded a robust and simple tool to manage the complexity of REACH registrations, allow greater team collaboration and provide an automated way to drive error-free based performance while keeping the registrations on-time and on-budget.

The Solution: Industry & compliance knowledge combined with technology solutions expertise

To succeed against these inherent challenges presented by the REACH 2018 deadline, Elementis Compliance and IT teams have collaborated with business solution firm xTensegrity, combining their industry compliance knowledge and software technical expertise, to create EUPHOR, a web-based Registration Management System (RMS) tailored to compliance regulations.

EUPHOR is designed to enhance the capability of project and process management in one easy-to-use package (constructed for cloud or on premise) synchronizing industrial domain knowledge with the automation of state of the art technology.

EUPHOR allows the internal and external REACH registration teams to confidently manage, collaborate and track the registration workflow from start to finish. It is a primary workbench to ensure that REACH activities are managed, error-free and that the registration program is accurately completed on-time and on-budget.

The Conclusion: A robust registration management system making you EUPHORIC with REACH 2018

“We, at Elementis, see EUPHOR as an essential solution to ensure 100% accurate and on-time REACH dossiers for the 2018 deadline. Cross functional team coordination and transparency brings a level of accountability to ensure everyone’s contribution is making the project a complete success.

EUPHOR’s pre-built dashboards enable my managers and I to track key metrics such as budget and time fences for each substance and empower ad hoc or formalized reporting in line with the Business Units’ expectations. Thereby EUPHOR is generating proactive management of a large number of REACH registrations with the confidence to know nothing gets missed and that all dossiers will be completed on time and on budget.

In short, we have transformed the REACH 2018 Challenge into an opportunity for productivity, building company-wide confidence in my team’s capability to deliver and driving up our value add to the business. We can be proud of our investment in brand equity through EUPHOR.”

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