



# The Consequences of REACH

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# Enforcement

- Surprise. Yes there will be enforcement.
- There are about 120 potential offences in REACH.
- HSENI, EHS, Environmental Health and Safety Officers, Trading Standards Officers will be involved at different parts of the supply chain.



# Enforcement

- You will recall that DEFRA have the UK policy lead
- A new UK wide Enforcement Regulation is being drafted.
- This should issue for consultation in April?
- UK wide consultation.



# Enforcement

- The role of HSEGB, HSENI and other organisations will be set out in the consultation.
- The penalties will be set out.
- This regime will be closely scrutinised by the EU to ensure compliance with REACH by Member States.



# Penalties

- ✍ Civil action is possible under REACH
- ✍ Criminal action in Magistrates Court
- ✍ Criminal Action on indictment – carries 2 years imprisonment or unlimited fine.



# What to do next

- Be aware that the deadlines for REACH are now starting to come very close indeed.
- Ensure that your company is taking the necessary steps to pre-register if necessary.
- Be aware of the consequences of loss of supply chain products



# Advice

- HSENI are offering a FREE advice service
- Available from 10<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008
- One-to-one consultations on site
- Confidentiality
- Advice only - No enforcement



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