

Supporting Your Exports into the EU

Compliance to the REACH regulation for chemical products imported into the EU can be a complex business. With the responsibility for compliance placed on the importing legal entity, they can consider registering the chemical substances themselves (assuming they know all the chemicals in the products they are importing) or rely on the non-EU companies further upstream to ensure REACH obligations for the chemicals are fulfilled. Either way, the challenge to ensure compliance is complex and potentially expensive.

To help our customers and downstream users who purchase Dow Corning and Xiameter products outside the EU and then export them into the EU (either unchanged or within their formulated products), Dow Corning has established an “Only Representative Trustee” service. We have engaged REACH services provider and experts in the Only Representative concept, [Chemservice](#) to act as our trustee. Using the Code-OR Model to substantiate the links along the supply chain back to the original, Dow Corning manufacturing plant, we are able, for many of our products, to provide REACH coverage under the umbrella of our registrations.

Dow Corning’s OR Trustee service provides an inexpensive route to meeting your REACH obligations for products imported into the EU and by working through a trustee ensures your business confidentiality is protected. For further information on how to arrange REACH coverage for your exports, please read about our [Only Representative Trustee model](#).

PLEASE NOTE: To import chemicals into the EU the EINECS status of a substance is no longer sufficient to provide evidence that import of a substance into the EU is permissible. Similarly, the REACH registration number of a chemical substance does not constitute evidence of compliance. To satisfy the EU authorities of REACH compliance the importer must provide proof that either:

- They have registered the chemical substance(s) themselves or
- They are covered under the registration(s) of an OR

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