



## REACH SUPPORT

### Meeting the scientific challenge of REACH

The development of dossiers for REACH registration presents a significant scientific challenge. An understanding of the scientific techniques and practical context is required in order to make the best use of existing information, and to ensure that testing programmes are appropriate to the substance being registered.

PFA has considerable experience of research, analysis and dossier development, which is directly applicable to supporting and helping clients to meet the needs of REACH. In over ten years as independent consultants we have carried out extensive work under the New and Existing Substances legislation, the voluntary OECD/ICCA HPV Programme, hazard and risk assessment, and other aspects of chemicals regulatory compliance. Through that experience, we know how to apply best scientific knowledge to dossier development, which is essential for both regulatory acceptance and cost savings.

Expert knowledge of chemistry, degradation in the environment, toxicology and ecotoxicology are needed to process the complex array of information correctly and with confidence. A thorough, technical approach is required, and this cannot be done without the right qualifications, skills and experience.

**Contact us to discuss your company's needs in preparing for REACH compliance.** Some examples of our services are discussed here.

### Preparing documentation for REACH registration

- Collate and review all available data and assess suitability for use in the registration.
- Perform PBT/vPvB assessment.
- Gather the required information on life cycle and use pattern.
- Make proposals for classification and labelling, and prepare/revise MSDS.
- Perform Chemical Safety Assessments and prepare associated Reports.
- Fill any data gaps using valid property prediction methods where appropriate.



### Practical support on new testing programmes

- Support and/or represent clients in negotiations with Competent Authorities.
- Advise on testing requirements, including methodology for testing difficult substances.
- Assist with placing studies with suitable contract laboratories, and monitor progress.
- Review study reports for regulatory compliance and scientific validity.



### Support in developing Category Approaches

Category approaches, and the appropriate use of property prediction within such groups, is expected to be a useful approach for REACH in order to justify and optimise use of predictive methods and read-across. Such methods have the scope to save potentially hundreds of millions of Euros. PFA can advise on valid use of category approaches and the benefits it can bring.



### Facilitating industry co-operation

Companies may choose to work together as consortia. EU authorities are setting up a facility to help companies set these up and PFA can assist with aspects of this complex and sensitive area.

- Assist in setting up industry consortia for joint submissions.
- Act as an independent third party for collation of commercially confidential information.

**We are always pleased to visit potential clients to make a scientific presentation and for introductory discussions.**



## More about Peter Fisk Associates

Peter Fisk Associates is a network of scientists offering consultancy services to industry and regulators. Our team includes:

<b>Peter Fisk</b>	A chemist, with over 20 years experience in industrial research and development. He has a background in laboratory science, as well as comprehensive knowledge of chemical regulation, providing an exceptional combination of experience in physicochemical properties, principles of property prediction, environmental fate and behaviour, ecotoxicology and exposure assessment.
<b>Andrew Girling</b>	An ecotoxicologist who has worked in the chemical and oil industries for over 20 years. His research experience is extensive, including aquatic and terrestrial testing and data interpretation for classification and risk assessment, higher level testing in the laboratory and field, and in development of assessment methods for complex and difficult test substances.
<b>Louise McLaughlin</b>	Who has a background in analytical chemistry, has wide experience in chemical registration, method development and various issues of regulatory compliance for a range of substance types, including industrial chemicals, pharmaceutical intermediates and pesticides.
<b>Ros Wildey</b>	An environmental chemist with experience in data assessment and management, and collation of substance dossiers for the OECD HPV programme as well as various aspects of regulatory compliance.
<b>Helen Barnes</b>	A biochemist, with experience in the area of mammalian toxicology, and has a particular interest in aspects of mammalian QSAR. Helen is also PFA's regulatory advisor.

PFA regularly works together with other independent consultants. For the purpose of REACH our associates include:

<b>Tony Mallett, Experien Health Sciences (Europe) Ltd.</b>	A toxicologist with over 25 years experience covering nutritional toxicology, chemical safety evaluation and hazard evaluation/risk assessment. Since November 2000 he has been working as an independent consultant handling primarily risk assessment and data evaluation projects.
<b>Joanne Massey</b>	A toxicologist whose experience includes health impact assessments, setting occupational exposure limits for pesticides, variability in the worker population, human health hazard assessments for the OECD HPV programme, and veterinary medicines risk assessment.

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