

Guidance for Suppliers of Articles under REACH

Understanding Your Obligations and How TrueNorth Ensures Your Compliance

The **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation (EC 1907/2006)** imposes strict requirements on suppliers of articles placed on the EU market. Under REACH, companies must provide transparent information about **Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs)** contained in their products, ensuring downstream users, consumers, and regulators are informed.

For suppliers of articles, this can be complex—requiring consistent supplier engagement, accurate data gathering, and detailed compliance reporting such as **SCIP notifications** to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

At **TrueNorth Global Compliance**, we specialize in guiding companies through these requirements, making the compliance process clear, efficient, and audit-ready.

Who is a "Supplier of Articles" under REACH?

You are considered a **supplier of articles** if you are:

- An **EU-based manufacturer or importer** of articles
- A **distributor or retailer** placing articles on the EU market
- A **non-EU company exporting articles** into the EU (via an EU representative)

An **article** is defined as an object whose shape, surface, or design determines its function more than its chemical composition (e.g., electronics housings, automotive parts, packaging materials, tools, consumer goods).

Core Obligations under REACH for Suppliers of Articles

1. Communication of SVHCs (Article 33)

- If an article contains SVHCs above **0.1% weight by weight**, you must provide sufficient information to professional customers and consumers, including safe-use instructions.

2. SCIP Notification to ECHA



- Since January 2021, suppliers of articles containing SVHCs above 0.1% must submit a **SCIP notification** to the ECHA database.

3. Supply Chain Transparency

- Collect and maintain accurate substance data from upstream suppliers to ensure reliable declarations.

4. Record-Keeping and Due Diligence

- Maintain documentation to demonstrate compliance and support audits by regulatory authorities.

Why This Matters

- **Non-compliance risks fines, product recalls, or restricted EU market access.**
- Customers and OEMs increasingly require **proof of REACH compliance** before awarding business.
- A robust compliance system protects your **brand reputation and market competitiveness.**

Why Outsource to TrueNorth Global Compliance?

Meeting REACH obligations requires **deep regulatory knowledge, proactive supplier engagement, and precise data handling**. TrueNorth delivers all three, helping you stay compliant and focused on your core business.

Here's why suppliers trust us:

- ✓ **End-to-End Support** – From supplier data collection to SCIP notifications, we manage the entire compliance cycle.
- ✓ **Accurate SVHC Screening** – We analyze BOMs and declarations to identify risks and validate compliance data.
- ✓ **Seamless Supplier Engagement** – Our experts communicate with your suppliers directly, ensuring timely and complete information.
- ✓ **Cost Savings** – Building an in-house REACH team is expensive. With TrueNorth, you gain a scalable compliance partner at lower cost.
- ✓ **Future-Proof Compliance** – We monitor evolving EU regulations (SVHC list updates



every 6 months, new restrictions, SCIP changes) so your compliance is always current.

✓ **Audit-Ready Documentation** – We prepare and organize compliance files in formats aligned with customer and regulator expectations.

◆ **Partner with TrueNorth Global Compliance** to reduce compliance risks, build customer trust, and ensure uninterrupted access to EU markets.