

Summary of responses received to the Welsh Assembly Government questionnaire to stakeholders on proposals for a new EU chemical strategy REACH.

Sample size:91

Responses received: 33

Percentage received: 36%

Date of study: 16 April – 7 June 2005

1. Are you aware of the proposed Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) legislation?

	Number of responses	Percentage of total response
Yes	21	64
No	12	36

21 out of the 33 responses received stated that they were aware of the proposals, 12 indicated that they were not.

2. Did you respond to the Government consultation on REACH earlier this year, either independently or through trade body or association? If not why?

	Number of responses	Percentage of total response

Yes	14	42
No	20	58

Of the 14 respondents who indicated that they had responded to the UK consultation, two had stated that they had done so through a national trade body. Of the 20 that did not respond to the UK consultation, 1 alternatively responded directly to the EU consultation, 14 were not aware of the UK consultation, 4 did not recall receiving the information, 2 considered the UK consultation to be a "waste of time" and one stated that the paperwork had been mislaid.

3. Have you made any preparations in anticipation of the introduction of REACH legislation? If yes, what steps have you taken?

	Number of responses	Percentage of total response
Yes	8	24
No	25	76

25 respondents stated that they had not made any preparation. Three respondents had undertaken an assessment of the impacts direct to the company and four respondents have started to prepare dossiers on their chemical inventory.

4. Do you consider the legislation will have any impact on your business? If so, could you state what you consider the impact will be?

	Number of responses	Percentage of total response
Yes	17	52
No	10	30
Don't know	6	18

10 respondents stated that they felt the regulation would not impact their business.

One felt that the regulation may have some impact depending on the detail in the final regulation.

9 respondents felt that regulation would introduce higher costs for their business.

3 respondents considered that the regulation would require additional testing of their products.

3 respondents considered that they would have to find substitutes for their products

5 respondents felt they would withdraw some products from the market.

2 respondents feared it would increase bureaucracy

One respondent expressed some reservations concerning the protection of data pertaining to their protection.

3 respondents felt this would affect their competitiveness.

6 respondents felt they did not have enough information to determine if REACH would have an impact on their business.

5. What sources would you find useful for accessing information on the REACH legislation?

	Number of responses	Percentage of total response
Leaflets/Guides	22	67
Websites	23	72
Trade Associations	9	28
Workshops/Seminars	11	34
Other	0	0