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This month, the United Kingdom revised the deadlines^[1] for companies registering chemical data with the U.K. Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation. The original deadlines called for downstream users of covered chemicals to notify their suppliers, the government, and other stakeholders within 180 days of Jan. 1, 2021, when the new U.K. REACH regulation goes into effect. Full registration, including a full data package regarding all covered chemicals entering the U.K. market, was initially due within two years following the 180-day notification deadline.

Those deadlines have been extended to 300 days for the notification process and revised along staggered lines for the full registration process—companies will have either two, four or six years to complete the registration process, depending on tonnage and risk.

According to the U.K. government guidance page on U.K. REACH compliance,^[2] the new deadlines are as follows:

Two years: Companies importing 1,000 tons or more of chemicals that are:

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