

# Template:Reach description

**Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)** is a European Union regulation dating from 18 December 2006.

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REACH addresses the production and use of chemical substances, and their potential impacts on both human health and the environment. Its 849 pages took seven years to pass, and it has been described as the most complex legislation in the Union's history and the most important in 20 years. It is the strictest law to date regulating chemical substances and will affect industries throughout the world.