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REACH OBLIGATIONS: CURRENTLY TOO COSTLY AND TOO UNCERTAIN

Two years after its entry into force, BUSINESSEUROPE has carried out a first assessment of the implementation of REACH, which concerns not only the chemical industry but also all other manufacturing industry sectors.

On the occasion of the second European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)'s Stakeholders' day in Helsinki (27 May), BUSINESSEUROPE makes the following two main comments:

1. The financial burden of REACH should be reduced by introducing phased payment of registration fees. This could save around €200 million for companies which have to register chemical substances.
2. Companies are still left with legal uncertainties because of inconsistency or lack of coordination between different pieces of legislation. Consistent European chemicals legislation and accurate guidance about REACH obligations need to be put in place in order to guarantee legal certainty.

Philippe de Buck, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE said: *"REACH is currently too costly and too uncertain. European companies have mobilised considerable resources to fulfil REACH obligations. It is now urgent, after two years, that ECHA and the Commission adopt the most cost-effective implementation measures and guarantee legal certainty."*

The full BUSINESSEUROPE document highlighting seven priority action areas is available on [BUSINESSEUROPE's website](#).

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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