

## **REACH Seminars July-August 2009**

AEPC Workshop on 'Implications of EU's REACH Legislation for Indian Textile Industry'

REACH is a new European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use. It deals with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical (REACH) substances. The new law entered into force on 1 June 2007. REACH provisions will be phased-in over 11 years. The REACH Regulation gives greater responsibility to industry to manage the risks from chemicals and to provide safety information on the substances. While, the REACH Legislation deals with the chemical substances, it has implications for all the industry, including textiles, which use chemicals. The chemical substances used by the textile industry whether in the form of solvents, lubricants, pigments or other dyestuffs will need to undergo a process of registration, evaluation and authorization. The chemicals currently used by Indian textile industry may or may not be allowed under REACH. Already, exporters are receiving request to supply REACH compliant textile products to EU retailers.

Since it is now mandatory for all products and substances to comply with REACH requirements in order to continue to export to the European Union, AEPC is organizing a series of workshops for improving awareness about the REACH legislation and role of stakeholders. The various workshops organized are:

- 1) Noida
  - a. Date: July 29, 2009 (Wed)
  - b. Time: 10 am to 2 pm
  - c. Venue: Sports and Cultural Club, Sector 15A, Noida, UP
- 2) New Delhi
  - a. Date: July 30, 2009 (Thu)
  - b. Time: 10 am to 2 pm
  - c. Venue: FICCI, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi-01
- 3) Bangalore
  - a. Date: Aug 5, 2009 (Wed)
  - b. Time: 2 pm to 5:30 pm
  - c. Venue: To be confirmed
- 4) Chennai
  - a. Date: Aug 06, 2009 (Thu)
  - b. Time: 2 pm to 5:30 pm
  - c. Venue: The Vijay Park, No.12, Jawaharlal Nehru Salai, Inner Ring Road, Chennai
- 5) Mumbai
  - a. Date: Aug 12, 2009 (Wed)
  - b. Time: 2 pm to 5:30 pm
  - c. Venue: Seminar room, AEPC Mumbai Bajaj Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai-110021

There is no participation fee for attending this programme for garment exporters. Process House including dyeing, printing, screen printing, fabric finishing can also participate. Experts from the TÜV Rheinland Group will make the detailed presentation on REACH. TÜV Rheinland is a leading provider of technical services worldwide.

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