



We care about REACH

Since the very beginning of the legislative process establishing a new regime on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) our law firm has cared about REACH. A team of experienced lawyers advises on all legal aspects of REACH and assists clients in and outside Europe in the implementation of the new registration obligations.

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Our firm in brief

REDEKER SELLNER DAHS has 80 years of experience in the practice of all areas of law. The exceptional personal, academic and professional profile of our lawyers has led to the firm's steady and successful growth. With our origins in Bonn, we have now also established offices in Berlin, Brussels, Leipzig and London to better serve our clients. Presently, 75 highly specialised lawyers provide legal services to national and international clients from industrial, commercial and service sectors as well as governmental institutions.

Initially, we earned our name by advising the German government. Today, our firm enjoys a broad reputation for excellence; we rank among the top German law firms in all of our practice areas. One noteworthy hallmark is our comprehensive litigation practice. In addition, we maintain and nurture close ties with German law faculties, with several of our lawyers being qualified university professors who remain active in academia research and teaching. The wide range of our long-standing practice areas includes, in particular, national and European administrative law and regulatory affairs, environmental law, corporate law and mergers & acquisitions, competition law and intellectual property law. In 2007, REDEKER SELLNER DAHS was selected as "Firm of the Year" in the area of Public Commercial Law Practice and in 2011 REDEKER SELLNER DAHS was also nominated as "Firm of the Year" in regulated industries by the Juve-Verlag legal publishing company.

Expertise in REACH

REDEKER SELLNER DAHS has a long-standing and comprehensive legal expertise in European and national chemical law. As representative of corporations and associations of chemical industries, our firm has been involved in the drafting of the REACH Regulation from the outset. The firm has regular and direct contact with the relevant public authorities and associations and is involved in all recent developments concerning the implementation of REACH. Furthermore, our lawyers are regularly invited to seminars and panels dedicated to developing solutions to practical problems associated with REACH.

Due to this expertise, our REACH team has been mandated by various companies and associations to serve as advisers on REACH. Our on-going activities related to REACH date back to the drafting of the REACH Regulation. Over time, such activities have pertained to (inter alia) questions on data sharing and protection of property rights on testing data. Together with a group of experts from the chemical industry, our firm developed model agreements for the formation of consortia based on the REACH Regulation. Further, we drafted models for an agreement between an Only Representative and a non-Community manufacturer and for a supplementary agreement to a toll manufacturing agreement for compliance with the requirements of REACH.

The model agreements are available for members on the electronic REACH platform of the German Chemical Industry Association (VCI – Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.). Several lawyers of our REACH team are members of expert groups of the BDI and VCI on REACH.

Our REACH team is advising several groups of companies in the process of building and running international consortia for REACH purposes. Further, we counsel European and non-European importers and manufacturers of chemicals on the interpretation and implementation of REACH and on its enforcement by national authorities. Currently the REACH team is representing companies in the first appeal procedures before the Board of Appeal of ECHA. Our REACH team represented companies in the first REACH-related proceedings before the European Court of Justice.

Our REACH team provides comprehensive advice and represents clients in connection with all aspects of the REACH Regulation. This includes:

- ▶ General preparations for compliance with REACH – assessment of registration obligations and development of an implementation strategy.
- ▶ Advice and representation with respect to negotiations between companies and consultants or between companies and Only Representatives.
- ▶ Advice on specific legal questions concerning registration and dossier preparation (e.g. delimitation of substances, preparations and articles) and legal admissibility of waiving.
- ▶ Advice and services with respect to the formation and work of consortia (e.g. design of contracts on the basis of model agreements or acting as trustee) and concerning the exchange of information and studies within a SIEF.
- ▶ Advice and training on compliance with competition law.
- ▶ Advice on corporate structures which facilitate compliance with registration requirements. Contractual design of the supply chain ensuring compliance with registration requirements.
- ▶ Advice on legal questions concerning communication within the supply chain, e.g. drafting and review of safety data sheets such as the chemical safety report.
- ▶ Legal advice for downstream users on their rights and obligations according to the REACH Regulation.
- ▶ Representation before the European Commission, the ECHA, the Board of Appeal and other authorities at the European or Member-State levels.
- ▶ Advice on criminal law aspects related to REACH and defence in criminal law procedures.
- ▶ Representation before European courts.
- ▶ Representation before German courts including defence in criminal law procedures.
- ▶ Representation in arbitration procedures as well as acting as arbitrator.

The REACH team consists of Hartmut Scheidmann, Dr Andreas Rosenfeld, Dr Jakob Wulff, Dr Stephan Gerstner, Dr Michael Winkelmüller and Sabine Wildfeuer. In addition to providing extensive advice on REACH to high-profile clients, our team of experts has undertaken legal research on REACH and published several papers on legal questions concerning REACH. Members of our REACH team are authors of the aforementioned model agreements and co-authors of the first German commentary on REACH “REACH+Stoffrecht”. Furthermore REDEKER SELLNER DAHS is co-editor of the monthly journal “REACH & CLP Navigator”. Moreover, the members of the REACH team regularly participate as expert speakers at various conferences and workshops related to the REACH Regulation. Additional support is provided by Dr Dieter Sellner and Dr Ulrich Karpenstein, both of whom have outstanding experience in environmental and European law, including representation before the courts of the European Union in Luxembourg. The REACH team is also backed by our experienced team of criminal defence lawyers, headed by Prof Dr Heiko Lesch.



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Joined the firm in 1999.

Since 2001 he has established the REACH practice of the firm together with Dr Horst von Holleben, a former Counsel of the firm. He advises national and international companies and associations on legal questions relating to REACH and chemical law (e.g. biocides). He was in charge of drafting the model agreements in cooperation with the VCI and assists several groups of companies on building consortia. In addition, Hartmut Scheidmann advises on legal questions related to the implementation and enforcement of the REACH Regulation. The claimants of the first REACH-related proceeding before the European Court of Justice assigned Hartmut Scheidmann as their representative. Hartmut Scheidmann is coeditor of the monthly journal "REACH & CLP Navigator". Moreover, he is member of the BDI legal experts group on REACH & law.



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Since then, he has been involved in advising international groups of companies and associations on the REACH Regulation, especially on questions of competition law in connection with the formation of consortia and on proceedings with the European Chemicals Agency and the EU Commission. Together with Hartmut Scheidmann, he developed the firm's model agreements on the formation of consortia. Dr Rosenfeld is member of the BDI legal experts group on REACH & law.



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Dr Gerstner has special expertise in regulatory and antitrust law as well as corporate law. As a member of our REACH team he advises companies on the formation of international consortia for REACH purposes and on all compliance issues with respect to both REACH and antitrust law.



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