### LEARNING FROM THE REGISTRATION EXPERIENCE OF A SME

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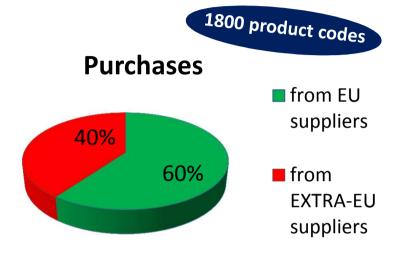
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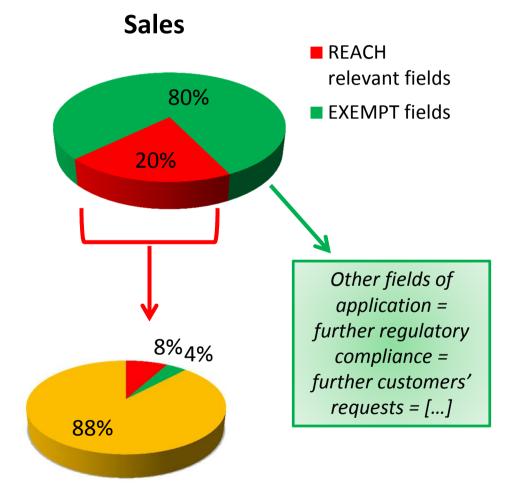
WHAT YOU CAN LEARN FROM
OUR REGISTRATION
EXPERIENCE IS WHAT THE
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ITSELF HAS TAUGHT US



#### **OUR CURRENT STATISTICS IN REACH**







#### Sales covered by

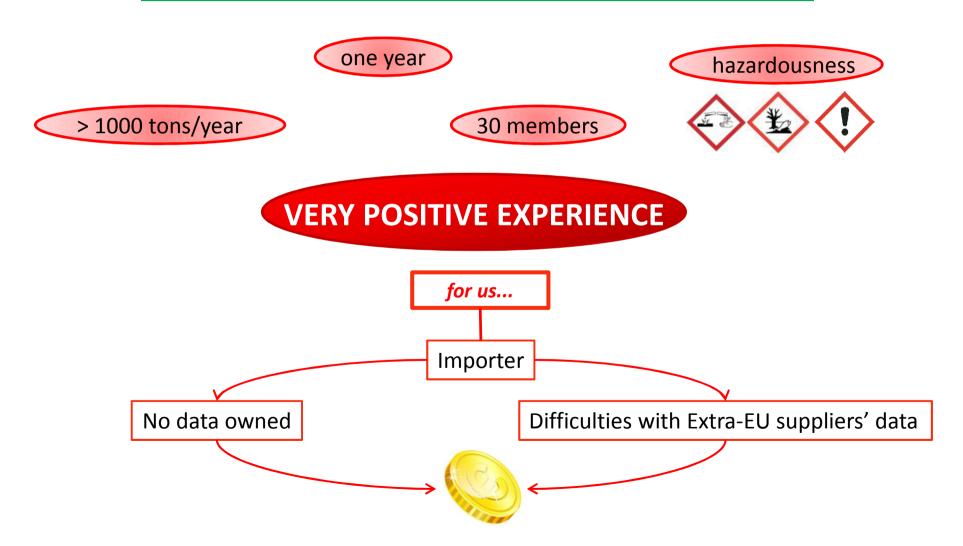
- Our pre-registrations
- Our registrations
- Supplier's pre-registrations/registrations

#### FIRST CONSORTIUM EXPERIENCE



#### Copper Compound Consortium (CCC)

Secretariat hold by: Regulatory Compliance Limited (Head Office in Edinburgh).



#### **FURTHER REGISTRATIONS:**



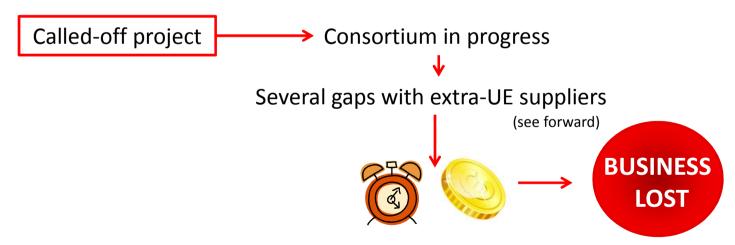
Synthesis intermediate 4 months

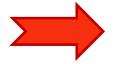
Full registration of a hazardous substance (CCC)

3 months

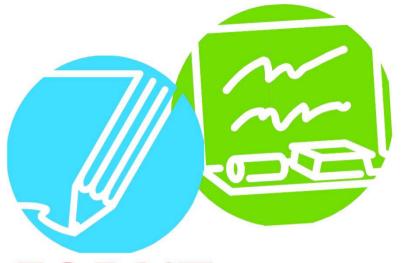
Full registration of a nonhazardous substance

4 months

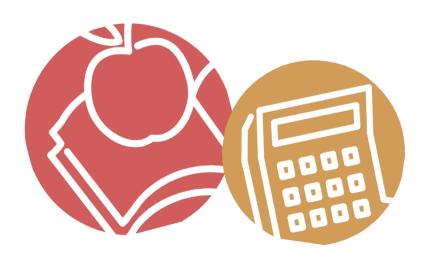




Missed registrations can still be a learning opportunity!!



## WHAT WE'VE LEARNT FROM REACH REGISTRATION



#### LESSON N°1: Registration Time





Most demanding registration (>1000 tons/year)

1 year

Less demanding registration (non-hazardous substance)

4 months

Average time

4-6 months

Bearable if you have to register one substance/year...



"Efficient time management" is the first factor to consider..

... especially with 2018 drawing closer ...

huge number of substances to be registered

#### LESSON N°2: Costs





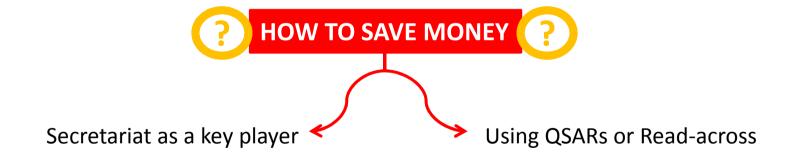
LoA price could be very high

How can we check that costs are "fair"?

Is REACh manager able to evaluate the financial side of registration?



Is accounting / finance dept. expert in REACH regulation?



Meeting as an investment?

...what in 2018 when there will be n-registrations = n-meetings?

#### LESSON N°3: EXTRA-EU suppliers









No knowledge = compliance problems

Leaning on non-reliable ORs

Satisfactory and useful data for registration?

There are lots of pre-registrations but how many of those will end in a registration?

An importer always has to pay for data

WHAT CAN WE DO??

Start registering all substances? **BUT** if they register it too you will have wasted money

Wait and see?

**BUT** then it could be too late..

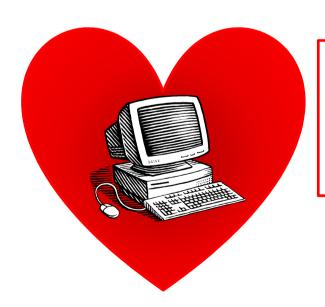
A good decision can only be made by knowing well your supplier and building firm relationships with your own communication skills (see after)

#### **LESSON N°4: Informatics**



IUCLID is seen as a great hurdle for smaller companies and is even perceived as a barrier for registration.





The use of a computer-powered internal tracking system to keep REACH under control is advisable, more so if you have to manage lots of different products

#### **LESSON N°5: Communication**





**CONSORTIUM** 

INTERNALLY

**ECHA** 

One-to-one meetings

**TRADE ASSOCIATIONS** 

**Expert advices** 

Revisions and Counterproposals

Requests of explanations

Active partecipation

Meetings

"My questions are stupid"

Relying on "Urban legends"

"The less I ask, the less I'll expose myself"!!

#### LIMITING FACTORS



lots of substances to be registered

dedicated staff



development of IT systems

trainings

"urban legends"

end use inquiries and e-SDS

registration intent inquiries to suppliers



reminders

lack of REACH knowledge



At least one, fully dedicated person is required to manage and keep REACH system under control



Administration

Bureaucracy



Concept and limits of CAAE

REACH MANAGER Final Uses

PC PROC

US ERC

Supply Chain communication

Computer systems

Internal communication skills

Knowledge of customs practices

Supplier Customer

# FOUR STEPS

FOR 2018

#### STEP 1: TIMELY CREATION OF REACH MANAGER ASSISTANTS





#### STEP 2: KNOW HOW, COMMUNICATION AND FORMATION



keeping in touch with suppliers

mutual helping in REACH matters

keeping in touch with trade associations

proper disclosure between REACH manager and employer about costs to be incurred

monitoring new sources

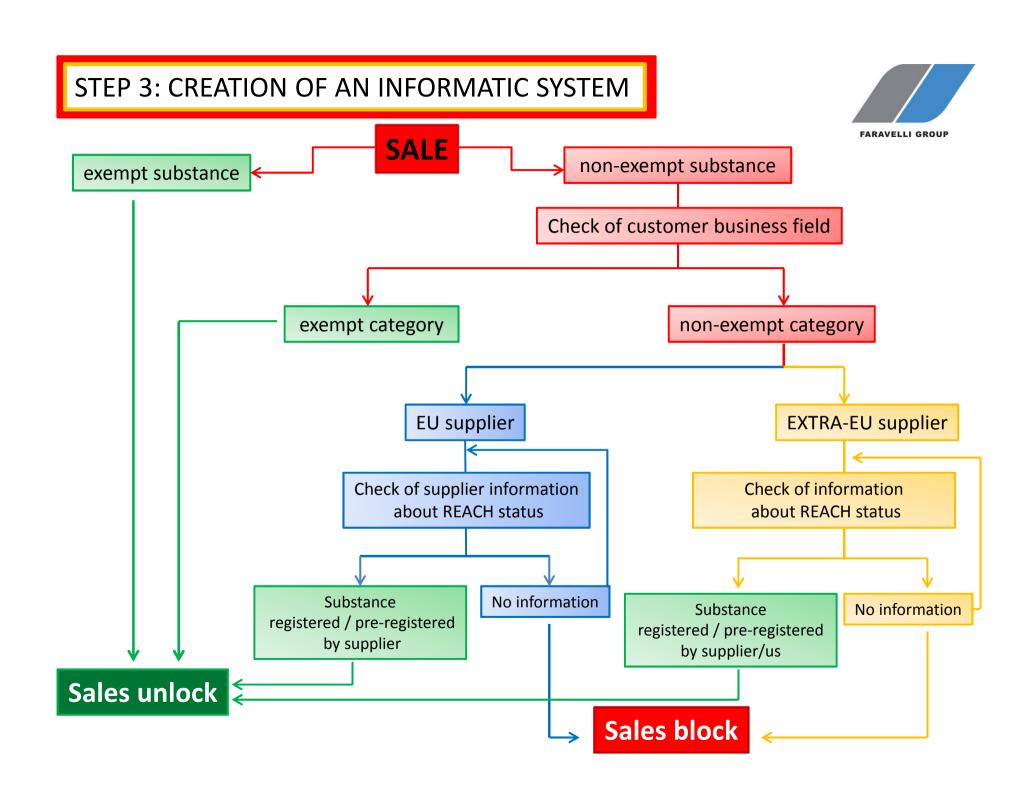
working with

computer systems

courses and events

involving and training colleagues who are not directly involved in REACH matters

disclosure with financial dept. about invoices to be paid



#### STEP 4: DIALOGUE WITH ECHA FOR SIMPLIFICATION



Need for strict rules about costs sharing

e.g. a regulation for standardized LoA costs

Support for extensive use of QSAR e Read-Across reports

A new, non-mandatory **simplified** interface to be developed by ECHA for data entry, aimed at registration of substances between 1 and 10 t/y

via REACH IT?

Avoiding sudden "rule"-changing (e.g. Annex IV/V; GL on Intermediates...)

Trade associations are the perfect "collectors" of proposals and questions

#### **CONCLUSIONS**



#### **REGISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

a fieldwork to learn how to characterize the main obstacles...

... and identify the most suitable strategies to overcome them

## Efficient future-oriented organisation Communication Skills Financial resources