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## **REACH Registration Deadlines for Synthomer Products**

The majority of products currently being supplied by Synthomer Europe (*any one or all of Synthomer Limited, Synthomer SA, Synthomer Bv or Synthomer GmbH*) are polymer preparations.

In order for a preparation (i.e. mixture) to be considered as REACH compliant the individual substances contained therein must be separately registered if they are manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities of 1 tonne or more per year. This definition includes all monomers and substances that are bound (i.e. reacted) in a polymer backbone at or above 2% w/w.

By definition, a preparation contains more than one substance. A single registration deadline cannot be assigned to a preparation since each substance contained therein will require registration at a different time.

The registration deadlines for substances are as follows,

30 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	>1000 tonnes per year and certain hazardous substances
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2013	> 100 tonnes per year
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	> 1 tonne per year

As far as is possible, Synthomer anticipates that all substances contained in its products will be registered at the appropriate time by their upstream suppliers. However, full registration is unlikely to be completed until 2018.

Synthomer will maintain communications with their suppliers so that further details can be passed to their customers as and when they become available. Where a 2010 registration is required, Synthomer has taken steps to ensure that the required registration has been carried out by their upstream suppliers. In certain cases, Synthomer has registered substances itself.

Synthomer continues to look forward to working with its customers during the implementation of REACH.

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