



Dear Sirs

Subject : **Q8 Oils policy statement on REACH**

Reference to the EU directive 2006/121/EC Registration Evaluation Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

Under this directive all materials known as substances, preparations(*) or articles need to be registered for future evaluation following which authorisation or restriction will be issued. We at Q8 Oils are working hard to comply with REACH and it is our aim to maintain our current product portfolio and that all of our primary base fluids (substances) manufactured for lubricants have been pre registered under REACH.

We are liaising with our suppliers of other additives (substances, preparations and articles) to establish that they have the same aims to ensure that all present materials are registered and approved under REACH. We also acknowledge that our suppliers may be one in a supply chain and as such it may be some time before they can confirm that all such materials will be registered.

Q8 Oils are working in conjunction with industry associations such as CONCAWE (**C**ONServation of **C**lean **A**ir and **W**ater in **E**urope) and the UKLA (**U**nited **K**ingdom **L**ubricants **A**ssociation). This is to facilitate that company partnerships are formed enabling joint / multiple registrations to ensure critical compound substances are put forward under REACH.

The general consensus is that the vast majority of lubricants contain materials that would not be restricted under REACH.

All of our blended lubricants are classed as preparations and will not require registration under REACH as they are manufactured in the EU.

Most Greases are classed as substances and as such will require registration and all greases that we supply have been pre registered.

Should you need further information then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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(*)Preparations manufactured with **in** the EU will not need registration. (preparations are essentially blends of substances)

Preparations manufactured outside of the EU will require registration if greater than 1 tonne per annum sold into the EU.