

**THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM THE LEAD REGISTRANT CONCERNING
HYDROQUINON (EC 204-617-8) LoA FOR INTERESTED SIEF MEMBERS WITH
2010 REGISTRATION DEADLINE .**

**THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY RELEVANT FOR COMPANIES INTENDING TO
FILE A REGISTRATION DOSSIER FOR HYDROQUINON IN 2010 .
IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO REGISTER *IN 2010* (BUT ONLY IN 2013/2018)
YOU CAN DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE.
IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE HYDROQUINON CONSORTIUM YOU CAN
DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE.**

As Lead registrant and on behalf of the SIEF leadership team (Hydroquinon consortium) we would like to inform you about the current status of work and some important steps and activities **YOU will have to take if you intend to submit a dossier.**

1) Status of work

The consortium is still working on the preparation of the Joint Submission Dossier (IUCLID 5) and the Chemical Safety Report (CSR). It is our current plan to submit the Joint Submission Dossier in mid-October 2010 or earlier if possible. This will allow all co-registrants sufficient time to prepare and submit their dossiers before the submission deadline November 30th, 2010.

Uses Listing

The use listing and relevant Exposure scenario groupings will be placed on the Consortium website as soon as finalized.

Classification according to the CLP Regulation

The consortium has reviewed the available data and agrees with the classification as described in Annex VI of EC No. 1272/2008.

2) Data sharing / SIEF agreement

The consortium has prepared the data sharing agreement based on the CEFIC SIEF agreement template to meet the needs for Hydroquinon.

The signature of the SIEF Agreement is a mandatory first step in the LoA process . We draw your attention on the fact that the SIEF Agreement is a contract and not a loose indication of intention , therefore it needs to be signed and returned .

Every company that wants to buy a Letter of Access (LoA) will need to sign and return a SIEF agreement first, before the deadline of **October 22nd, 2010.**

The SIEF agreement is available from the Hydroquinone consortium website at

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<http://www.reachcentrum.eu/EN/consortium-management/consortia-under-reach/hydroquinon-reach-consortium.aspx>

DOWNLOAD THE SIEF AGREEMENT , PRINT IT , FILL IN AND SIGN THE SIGNATURE PAGE , RETURN THE SIGNATURE PAGE UNDER PDF FORMAT TO THE CONSORTIUM MANAGER BEFORE **October 22nd, 2010 AT ybi@reachcentrum.eu**

The consortium manager of REACHcentrum will manage the SIEF agreements and the LoAs.

3) Cost of the letter of access

You will find in the SIEF agreement the description of the principles of the cost sharing.

It is difficult at this stage, to give a figure about the cost of the Letter of Access, because we still ignore the exact cost of the dossier and the number of companies who will ask a Letter of Access.

However we give you here an indicative estimation.

The SIEF agreement foresees an equal sharing of the dossier "2010 cost" between all "2010 registering" companies.

The current rough estimation of the dossier cost is about **1 500 kEUR** (subject to clarifications on costly studies not individually owned by consortium members).

The current estimation of the number of companies registering in 2010 is from **4 to 6**

The current estimation of the cost of a Letter of Access is therefore from **250 kEUR to 375 kEUR**

Any further clarification can be obtained from the consortium manager (ybi@reachcentrum.eu)

4) Timing

September 29th: message to all SIEF members on start of the LoA process

October 22nd: dead line for SIEF members to return their signed SIEF Agreement

October 29th : the LR will inform SIEF members on the cost of the LoA (based on the number of signed SIEF Agreements) and Reachcentrum will invite all members having signed their SIEF Agreement to proceed to Reachcentrum LoA module in order to create their account and receive their invoice (automatically generated)

November 12th: dead line for LoA payment ; however early payment is recommended in order to save time . As soon as payment is received ,token and JSN will be released and send by mail by RC .

November 19th : token and LoA provided to SIEF members

Best regards,

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