



K-REACH: How to *reach* it?

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- Regulatory Landscape
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 - Report, Registration, and Notification
 - Data for hazard evaluation or risk assessment
 - K-REACH and GHS
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- “K-REACH” (Act on Registration and Evaluation of substances (aka “AREC”) – Ministry of Environment (MoE))

K-REACH

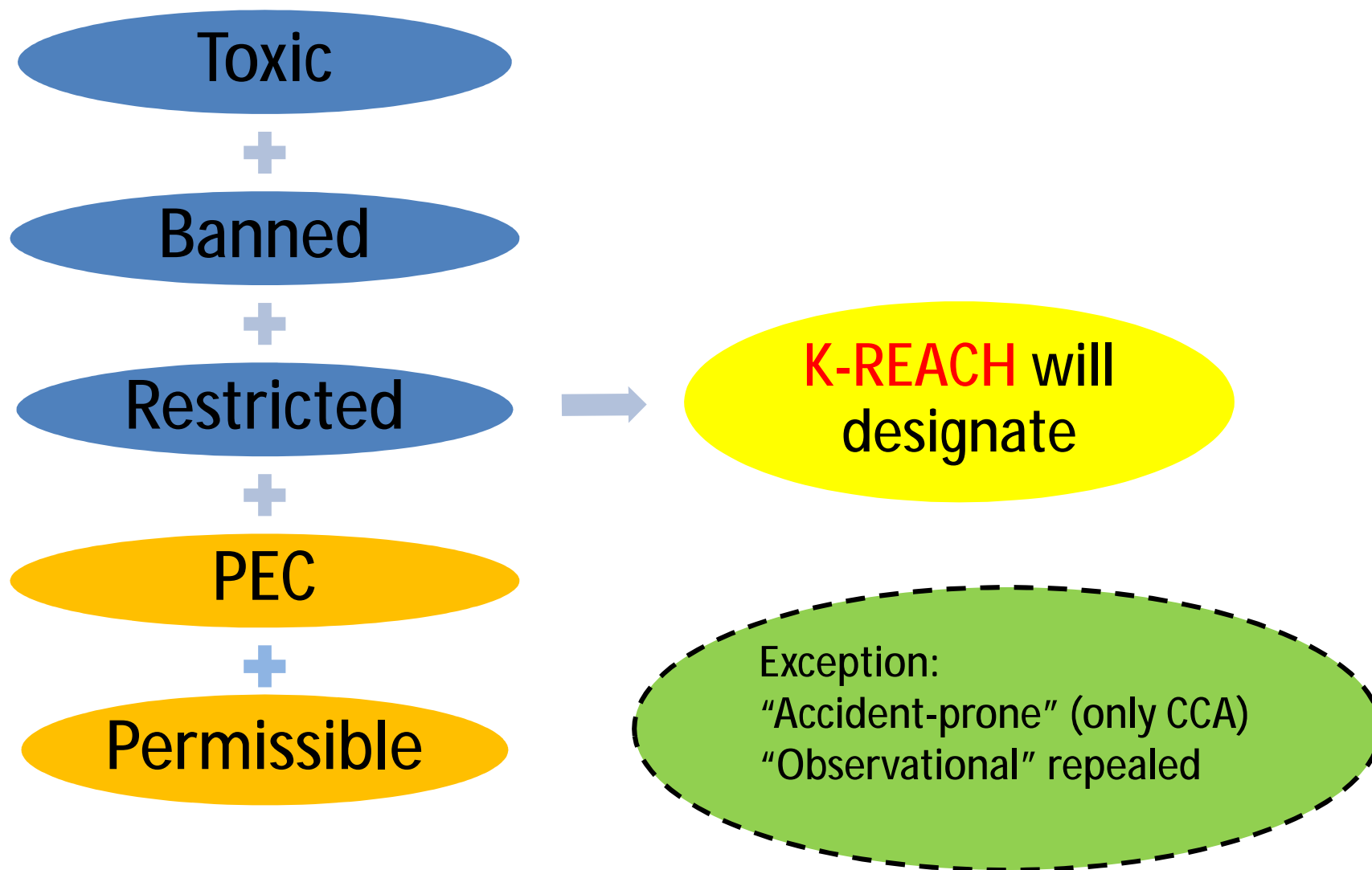
- Risk assessment/preventive control (pre-market)
- Designation of hazardous substances (toxic, banned, restricted)

TCCA à CCA

- Hazardous substances management (licensing, inspection)
- Response to emergency/chemical accidents

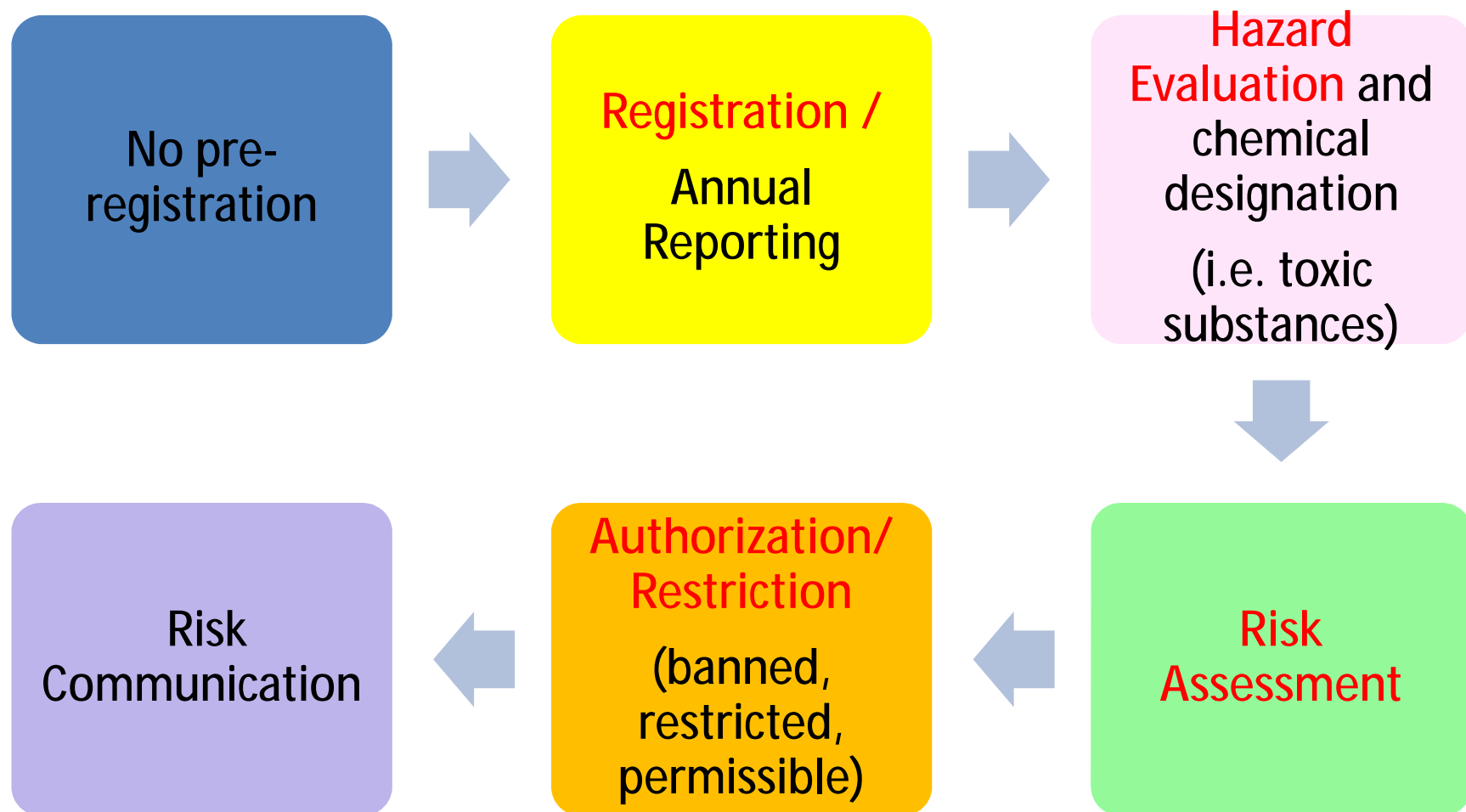
- New chemical notification under TCCA removed
- Hazard testing under TCCA transferred to K-REACH

Chemical Lists Designated by K-REACH



- Act on Registration and Evaluation of substances (“AREC”)
 - Presidential Decree stipulates:
 - Grace period of existing chemical registration
 - Exempted substances for R&D (i.e. reagents, non-isolated intermediate, low-risk polymer, etc.)
 - Ministerial Decree specifies:
 - Required documents for registration exemption application, required test data, hazard assessment methods, content of risk communication, etc.
 - Guidance and Notices provides:
 - Product notification, data and cost sharing, chemical “confirmation” requirement, classification/labeling, registration dossier, testing method, data protection, etc.

K-REACH Overview




K-REACH: Requirements (1)



Requirements	Act of K-REACH (May 22, 2013)
Reporting Requirement	(Art. 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importers, Manufacturers, and Sellers (<u>excluding users</u>)• Quantity AND Use Report• All new substances and ≥ 1 ton/year for existing substances• Every year
Registration	(Art. 9 - 17) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importers, Manufacturers• All new substances• ≥ 1 ton/year for designated existing substances• < 1 ton if considered hazardous to human health or environment
Risk Assessment	(Art. 24) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ≥ 100 ton/year initially• ≥ 10 ton/year after year 5 (i.e., 2020)

K-REACH: Requirements (2)



Requirements	Act of K-REACH (May 22, 2013)
Risk Communication (SDS, chemical properties, use, exposure scenario, and safe use guidelines, quantity of use/sale, etc.)	(Art. 29 - 30) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End user and seller  manufacturer and importer <p>(Optional for downstream user “upon request by manufacturer or importer” (Art .30))</p>
Product Notification	(Art. 32 - 37) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of hazardous substances in products exceeding 1 ton/year• Product risk assessment/safety standard• Product sale ban/recall

- Effective from January 1, 2015
- Only Representatives (“OR” policy)
 - Foreign companies need to appoint a representative for reporting, registration, notification, etc.
 - Eligibility of representatives
 - § Korean citizenship holder
 - Or*
 - § A person or business entity who has an address in Korea

- Period of data protection: 15 years
- Not eligible for CBI:
 - Chemical common name, trade name, and product name
 - Chemical or product use
 - Safe use information of chemical or product (i.e. precautionary statements for handling, disposal, etc.)
 - Accident response
 - Physico-chemical properties
 - Hazards/Risk information



- Radioactive substances
- *Pharmaceutical and quasi-pharmaceutical
- Narcotics
- *Cosmetics and related raw materials
- *Agricultural substances and their active ingredients
- Fertilizers
- Food and food additives
- Animal feeds
- Gun powder and military supplies
- Health supplements
- Medical devices

*: Precursors used to manufacture active ingredients are subject to K-REACH

- “Existing” chemical substances
 - Chemical substances distributed for commercial purposes domestically before February 2, 1991 and announced by the MOE on December 23, 1996
 - Chemical substances for which the hazard evaluation has been completed under the Toxic substances Control Law after February 2, 1991 and was published by the MOE
- à Basically it is listed in KECI (Korea Existing Chemical Inventory)
- “New” chemical substances
 - Not listed in KECI



- Subject: ALL new substances regardless of quantity and existing substances manufactured, imported, or sold ≥ 1 t/y
- Who? Manufacturer, importer, and seller
 - Seller who sells substances for industrial use
- What? Quantity and use
 - 55 Use categories designated by the MoE
- For 2015 reporting, deadline is by June 30, 2016

Exemptions of Reporting



- a) Existing substances below 1 ton/yr (manufacture, import, sale)
- b) Imported substances equipped in machinery
- c) Imported substances contained in experimental machinery or equipment
- d) Substances contained in finished article and not released during its use
- e) PPORD
- f) Reagents
- g) Non-isolated intermediates

Additional Exemptions from Reporting

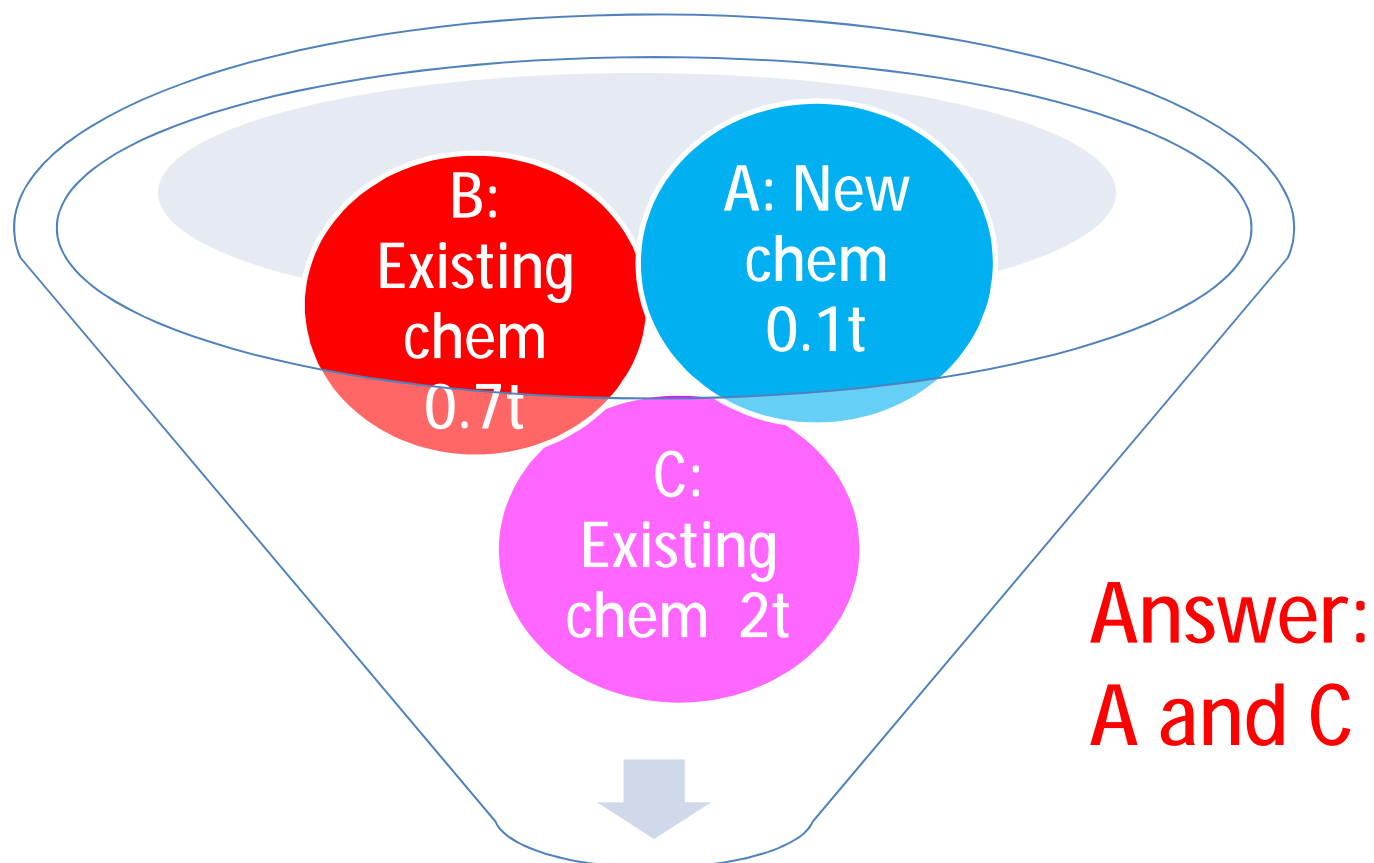
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위해성이 매우 낮다는 충분한 정보가 알려져 있는
기존화학물질(제2조제1호 관련)

연번	KE번호	CAS번호	화학물질명
1		50-70-4	D-글루코오스(D-glucitol C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₆)
2		50-81-7	아스코르브산(Ascorbic acid C ₆ H ₈ O ₆)
3		50-99-7	포도당(Glucose C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆)
4		57-48-7	과당(Fructose C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆)
5		56-87-1	L-리신(L-lysine C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂)
6		57-50-1	순수 자당(Sucrose, pure C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O ₁₁)
7		58-95-7	α-토코페릴 아세테이트(α-tocopheryl acetate C ₃₁ H ₅₂ O ₃)
8		59-23-4	갈락토오스(Galactose C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆)
9		59-51-8	DL-메티오닌(DL-methionine C ₅ H ₁₁ NO ₂ S)
10		63-42-3	유당(Lactose C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O ₁₁)
11		69-65-8	D-만나당(D-mannitol C ₆ H ₁₄ O ₆)
12		87-79-6	L-소르보스(L-sorbose C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆)
13		123-94-4	순수 글리세롤 스테아레이트(Glycerol stearate, pure C ₂₁ H ₄₂ O ₄)
14		124-38-9	이산화탄소(Carbon dioxide CO ₂)

- Mixture scenario



Which one(s) are subject to annual reporting?

- All new substances regardless quantity and “designated existing substances” 1 ton or more per year
- Who? Manufacturer, Importer
- Registration for new substances must be done prior to manufacture or import à **no grace period**
- Process time:
 - 3-7 days for substances < 1 t/y
 - 30 days for substances ≥ 1 t/y

Registration (2)

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- “Designated existing substances subject to registration” (aka “PEC” (Priority Evaluation Chemicals)) will be issued by MoE every 3 years based on the criteria of total quantity in commerce and hazard/risk concerns. Grace period for registration: 3 years from announcement

à First batch PEC with 510 substances published (July 1, 2015)

순번	화학물질 명칭*	고유번호 (CAS No.)	등록 유예기간
1	Formaldehyde ; Formalin	50-00-0	고시일로부터 3년
2	Benzo[def]chrysene ; Benzo[a]pyrene	50-32-8	고시일로부터 3년
3	Ethyl carbamate	51-79-6	고시일로부터 3년

- What to submit:
 - Information of importer, manufacturer, or representative
 - Chemical identity/information (name, CAS, molecular formula, structure, impurities/by-products, estimated quantities of import or manufacture)
 - Intended use
 - Classification and labeling à GHS
 - Physio-chemical properties
 - Hazard information
 - Risk information including exposure scenario (only imported or manufactured 10 tons or more per year)
 - Guidance of safe use
 - Others... (CBI application, etc.)

Exemptions of Registration



- a) Imported substances equipped in machinery
- b) Imported substances contained in experimental machinery or equipment
- c) Substances contained in finished article and not released during its use
- d) *Substances manufacture domestically or imported \leq 10 ton/yr to export for military purpose
- e) *Reagents for R&D
- f) Surface treated substances
- g) Non-isolated intermediates
- h) PLC (cationic polymers are subject to registration)

*"Confirmation of Registration Exemption" must be submitted every year. (*for now*)

Existing substances will not be selected as PEC



- Impurities and by-products
- Minerals, ores, ore concentrates, cement clinker, crude oil, coal
- Natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, natural gas condensate
- Vegetable fats, vegetable oils, vegetable waxes; animal fats, animal oil, animal waxes
- Fatty acids from C6 to C24 and their potassium, sodium, calcium and magnesium salts
- Glycerol
- Process gases and components thereof
- Coke, magnesium oxides
- Glass, ceramic frits
- Compost and biogas
- Hydrogen and oxygen

Types of Registration



Standard

- All new and designated substances ≥ 1 t/y; high risk concerned < 1 t/y
- Hazard data, physico-chemical, etc.

Low volume (before 2020)

- New < 1 t/y
- No hazard data submission
(but exposure information for use is required)

Low volume (after 2020)

- New < 100 kg/y
- No hazard data submission
(but exposure information for use is required)

- **Mandatory** Joint-submission for PEC

The justifiable reasons for individual submission:

- Compromised trade secret that may cause damage to business
- If joint submission is more costly than individual submission
- Classification and labeling from same testing category are different among registrants

à “Confirmation of Individual Submission” from the KCMA required

- **Sharing vertebrate animal test data for new substances**

A person must obtain the prior approval from the owner of the data that had been submitted for registration (Act Art. 16 - 17)

Exception: no consent is needed if the data which 15 years have passed since its use for registration

à If refused by the owner, the data submission can be waived with a “Confirmation” from KCMA

- **Industry can check with the NIER if existing data available**

- Test proposal showing test information and schedules may be accepted in lieu of testing data of physico-chemical, toxicity, and eco-toxicity (like EU REACH) à **Only if testing data proven as unavailable.**
- MoE only accepts data generated from locally certified labs (GLP) or internationally qualified labs (OECD) (except physico-chemical data)
- Some data submission during registration maybe waived
 - QSAR for substances imported or manufactured below 10 ton per year
 - Isolated intermediates
 - New substances with low volume (1 t until 1/1/2020)

Hazard Review/Risk Assessment



- NIER will conduct hazard review on registered substances:
 - new substances within 6 months
 - PEC within 1 year
- à Designate and publish toxic chemical substances
- Additional data for risk assessment are required for registration; gradual reduction of quantity :
 - ≥ 100 ton/yr by Jan. 1, 2015;
 - ≥ 70 ton/yr by Jan. 1, 2017;
 - ≥ 50 ton/yr by Jan. 1, 2018;
 - ≥ 20 ton/yr by Jan. 1, 2019;
 - ≥ 10 ton/yr by Jan. 1, 2020
- à Start counting the date of registration certificate received, NOT the date of registration submission.
- à Designate and publish banned, restricted, and permissible chemical substances



- **Authorization - Designation of “Permissible” substances**
 - Results of hazard evaluation and risk assessment that demonstrate high risk
 - Substances with high risk of CMR, endocrine disruptors
 - PBT, vPvB
 - Other substances with similar high risks
 - Must have a permit to manufacture, import, or use
- **Restriction - Designation of “Restricted / Banned”**
 - Results of hazard evaluation and risk assessment that demonstrate high risk
 - Designated by international institutes as high risk
 - Substances that have been removed from Permissible list
 - Banned (all usage) or restricted (partial usage) from manufacture, import, sell/store, transport, or use



- Safety management for “Risk concerned products”
 - 1) Household products – cleansers, adhesives, deodorizers, air fresheners, bleaching agents, detergents, fabric softener, etc.
 - 2) Biocide products – preservatives, disinfectants, insecticides, etc.
- Product Notification prior to manufacture or import: exceeding 1 ton/yr per “**hazardous substance**” containing 0.1 % in product
 - Substance name, concentration, use in product, hazard properties
 - Exceptions: chemical substances not released from product during its use, substances in finished articles, etc.



Product Control (2)



- Hazardous Substances here means:
 - K-REACH designated ones: Toxic, permissible, restricted, or banned substances
- “Exemption from Notification” can be granted to:
 - Release of hazardous substance in product is controlled
 - Hazardous substance in the product already registered for the respective use
- Risk assessment requirement per product category
- MoE will publish safety standard, labeling, packaging, and safety information for consumers
- Safety, labeling criteria will include hazardous substances that are not allowed in risk-concerned product, concentration limit, migration, evaporation, etc.
- For product that fails to meet safety standard, MoE can ban or recall

All records below must be kept for 5 years

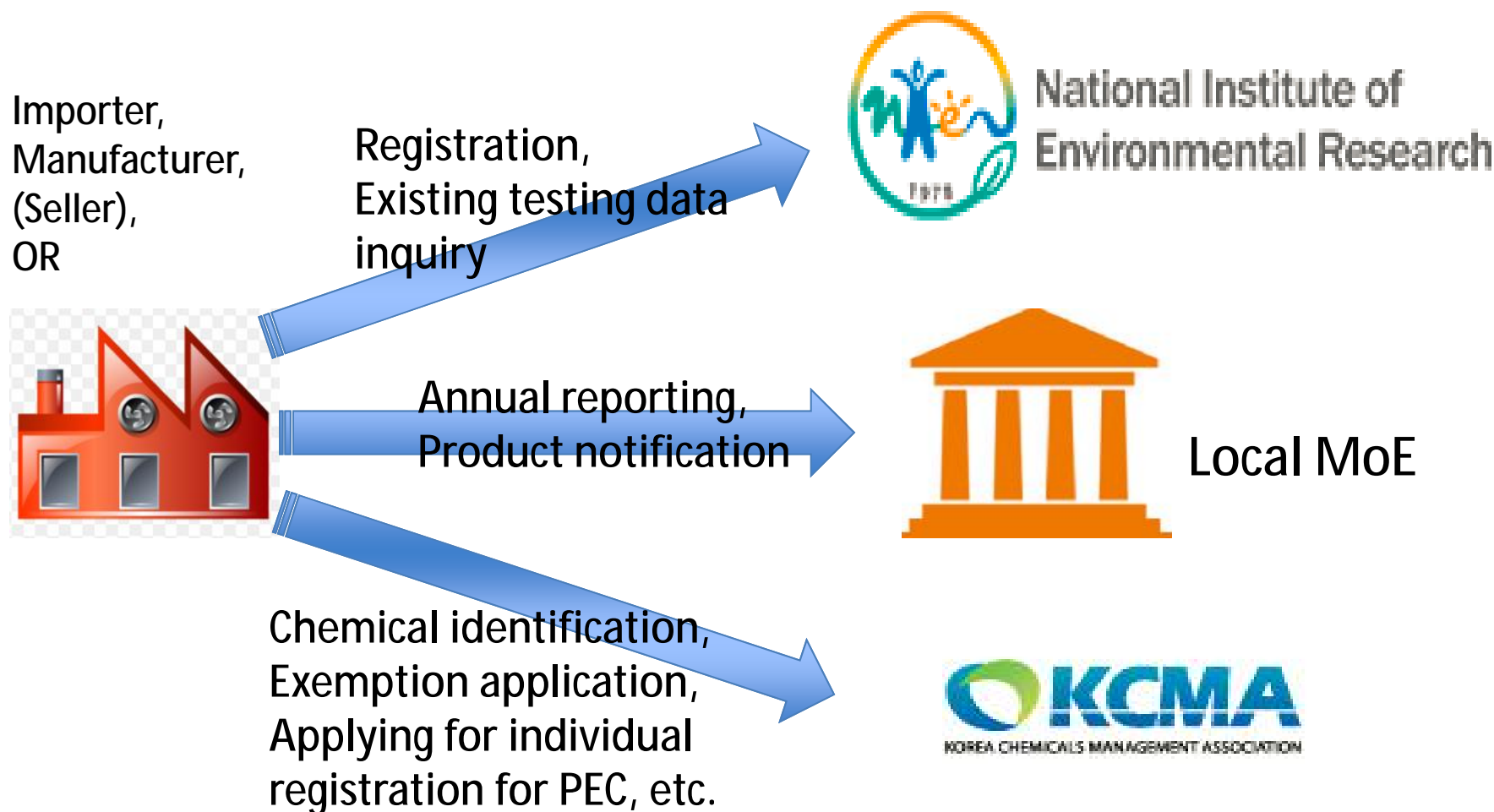
- Chemical information
- Annual Report (including exemption application)
 - Registrants' information change → within 1 month
 - Change in Use → within 1 month
- Chemical registration (including exemption application)
 - Change in annual volume → within 1 month
 - Change in risk/hazard info → within 6 months



- Notification of risk-concerned product that contains hazardous substances (including exemption application)
- Risk communication
- CBI information



What to submit where?



EU vs. K-REACH



	EU REACH	K-REACH
Pre-registration	Yes	No
Annual reporting	No	Yes
Existing chemical registration	All existing substances 1 ton or more	Only PEC 1 ton or more
Joint registration	Mandatory	Mandatory (for PEC)
Registration types	Standard; Intermediate Use only; PPORD	Standard; Low volume
Hazard evaluation /risk assessment	Industry	Government (MoE)

- Nano materials are subject to hazard evaluation under K-REACH
- Testing data that was used for registration with ECHA is acceptable for K-REACH registration (but **QSAR or Read-across from EU REACH may not be acceptable**)
- Non-GLP testing data for physio-chemical properties other than Pow are acceptable
- New substances approved of LVE (100 kg) under TCCA are considered as exempted for K-REACH registration
- K-REACH does not grant “expedited” registration process for new substances even if they have been used by OECD member countries

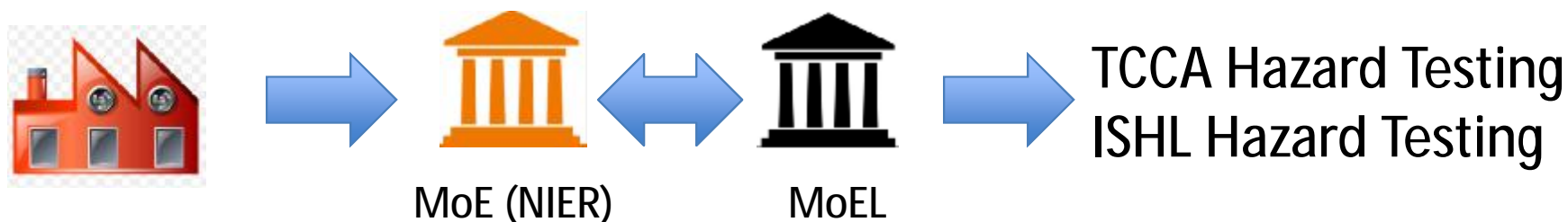
- “Unknown” chemical substances are not allowed
 - must obtain information from suppliers
- For registration, use category per chemical substance must be specified – must obtain information from suppliers
- Registration Fee
 - Discounted fee for SME (up to 80%)
 - 100,000 KRW for new substances
 - 200,000 KRW for PEC
 - Other fees: exemption application (50,000 KRW); product notification (50,000 KRW)

MoE vs. MoEL: data submission

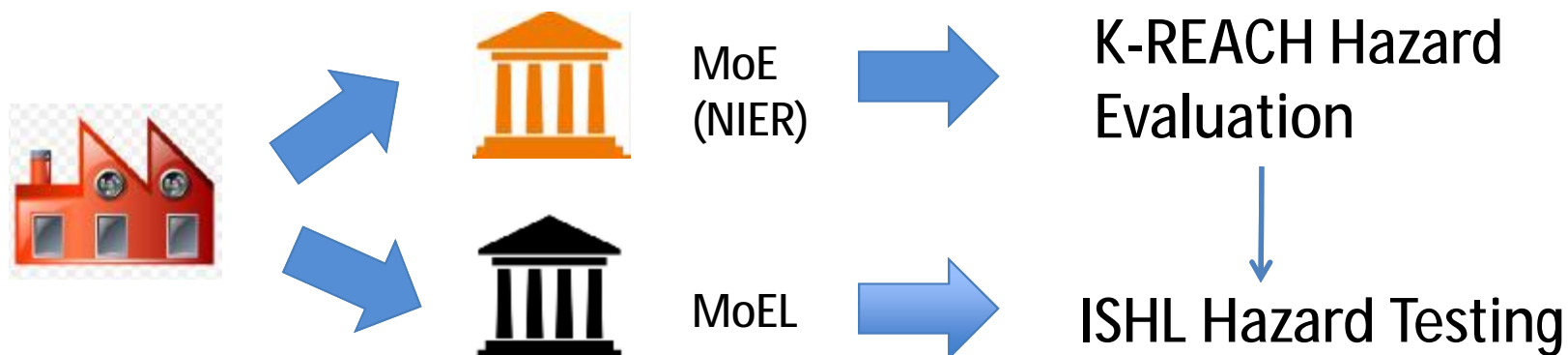


Before K-REACH: one-time submission

TCCA (MoE) – ISHL (MoEL) Hazard Testing



After K-REACH: **separate** submission



- 1) During registration, GHS hazard classification and labeling (pictograms, H and P codes) information are required
- 2) Risk communication – SDS may be utilized

Classification/Labeling

- MoE adopted UN 3rd Rev. by including hazard class “Hazardous to Ozone Layer” (NIER No. 2014-45)

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

- MoEL is a ruling authority on the format
- Updated SDS standard including K-REACH information (e.g. Sec 15) is pending

1) Draft - Ministerial Decree amendment proposal (MoE No. 2015-540)

- Simplifying documentation for R&D application
- Reagents for R&D application
- Selecting a lead registrant for joint registration
- Simplifying a representative change

2) Final - Exemptions from “Chemical Identification” requirement (MoE 2015-162)

- Published on September 1, 2015
- Exempted existing substances from annual reporting also exempted from chemical identification obligation

What Is Coming Up



- 510 PEC substances must be notified ("Chemical identification") to KCMA by January 2016 (within 6 months since published date)
- Annual report for 2015 due by June 30, 2016
- 510 PEC substances to be jointly registered by June 2018 (3 years since the published date)
- Risk assessment data ≥ 100 ton/yr until Dec. 2016; ≥ 70 from Jan. to Dec. 2017; ≥ 50 from Jan. to Dec. 2018...

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