



Revision of K-REACH and New K-BPR (Biocides Safety Act)

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Presenter biography

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Presentation abstract

Despite only being implemented in 2015, South Korea proposed amendments to the K-REACH regulation in 2017. The amendments to the “Act on Registration and Evaluation of Chemicals of Korea” (aka “K-REACH”) and the new “Act on Safety Management of Consumer Chemical Products and Biocides” (aka “K-BPR”) were passed by South Korea’s cabinet on Aug 8, 2017. The amendments were passed by the National Assembly on Feb 28, 2018, and promulgated into law on Mar 20, 2018. The law will come into force on Jan 1, 2019. This session will explore the significant changes expected from the amended regulations along with key implementation requirements, dates, and challenges.