



REACH Grease Consortium

Report presented at the AGM in Prague by Mike Morris the ELGI technical consultant regarding the setting up of the REACH Consortium for grease manufacturers. Mike.Morris@tesco.net

Scope:

- To agree the substances that the consortium will consider
- To facilitate and manage the cost efficient registration of substances, including the utilisation of data
- To work within pertinent laws, including the REACH regulation and competition law

Inaugural meeting – 22nd March 2006

- The first meeting was supported by 33 participants
- Agenda items included
- Administration of the Consortium
- Financial control and cost recovery
- Communication
- Legal issues

Administration of the consortium

Agreed procedures were put in place for:

- Membership criteria
- Voting – eligibility / ratification of resolutions
- Financial control
- Recovery cost

Financial control and cost recovery

- ELGI to bear the initial legal and setting-up costs
- Establish a separate bank account
- Accounts to be separated from those of the ELGI
- Account to be audited by independent auditor
- Accounts to be a regular Consortium agenda item
- Any surplus generated to be refunded to members
- Major expenditure approved by Consortium

Financial control and cost recovery

- Late entrants to pay costs as if a member from the start +10% surcharge to cover indirect costs defined as members travel and hotel costs
- Valid data brought to the consortium not in the public domain will have a financial premium and compensated fairly
- Members to only pay for data required under tonnage band requirements
- Costs recovered on a band tonnage basis but to be discussed further on information to be provided

Communication

- All discussions minutes to be confidential to Consortium members
- The existence of the Consortium to be announced in relevant journals and ELGI web-site

Legal Issues

- Confidentiality
- Financial
- Competition Law
- Liability

Mike Morris has had a meeting with the ELGI solicitor and a draft contract embracing above issues to be generated for discussion at the Consortium meeting held on 24.May 2006. Solicitor to attend meeting and also give brief on Competition Law