

## Ask the 3Expert

### **What is Russia's *Technical Regulation on the Safety of Chemical Products Act* and what are the potential business impacts?**

#### *Analysis*

On 17 October 2016, ten years after the original proposal, the Russian government published the recently adopted *Technical Regulation on the Safety of Chemical Products*. The act establishes requirements for the circulation of chemical products on the Russian market and sets rules for the identification, classification, registration, labeling and safety of chemicals. The regulation will be enforced on 1 July 2021.

#### *3E Review*

The explanatory note, which was published along with the regulation, states that the act is aligned with the third revised edition of the UN Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS, ST/SG/AC/10/30/Rev.3 [UN 2009 r]). In contrast with the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation (EU 1907/2006), the new Russian chemical act does not require that new research be conducted for each previously studied material.

According to the act, a chemical notifications system for new chemicals and a register of chemicals will be established. Two types of registration of chemicals are defined in the act: one for new chemicals and one for those already registered in the Chemical Registry. The regulation refers to GOST (State Standard) 31340 - 2013 in regard to labeling and GOST 30333 - 2007 for Safety Data Sheet (SDS) requirements. The act also establishes threshold limits as related to the use of certain types of chemicals including: carcinogens, mutagens, substances causing reproductive harm and those which have chronic toxic effects.

Exemptions from the scope of the regulation are listed in Annex 1. Among them are research and development (R&D) of chemical products, cosmetics, drugs for medical use, certain food products, certain types of waste, etc.

### *3E Analysis*

Originally the draft was proposed as an act of the whole Eurasian Economic Union (EEU). It is still listed on the EEU official page as a regulation pending adoption. Presently only Russia has adopted the act, making it applicable only within the territory of the Russian Federation. Whether the rest of the EEU member states decide to take action remains to be seen. The EEU includes Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

For a copy of the *Technical Regulation on the Safety of Chemical Products* in Russian, Regulatory Monitoring customers can contact 3E at [RegulatoryMonitoring@3Ecompany.com](mailto:RegulatoryMonitoring@3Ecompany.com).