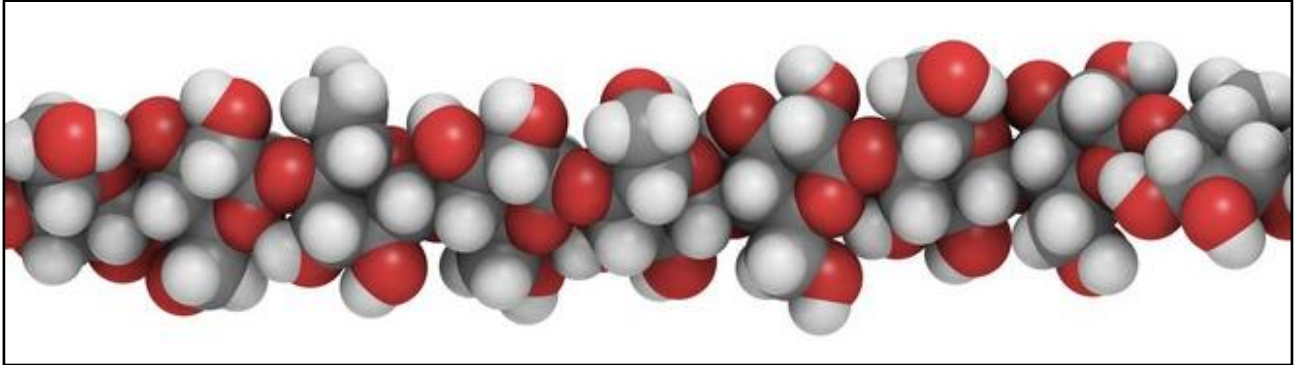


Polymer Consortium Korea (POCKO)



Korea-REACH (K-REACH) refers to the Act on the Registration and Evaluation, etc. of Chemical Substances (ARECS), and imposes on the industry the need to register substances >1 t/a by forming CICOs (similar to SIEFs under EU-REACH) and/or consortia to organize the required testing, dossier creation and joint submission.

Unlike EU-REACH, K-REACH requires the registration of polymers themselves. A new polymer substance must be registered prior to its manufacture or import regardless of quantity. Existing polymer substances of ≥ 1 t/a must be pre-notified and registered within a given deadline. Polymers of Low Concern (PLCs) can be exempted from registration by submitting an exemption dossier, non-PLCs must be registered as regular substances.

Since polymers don't need to be registered under EU-REACH yet (only the monomers) and existing polymers don't need to be registered or notified to other chemical inventories, in most cases little or no data is available for existing polymers today.

Addressing the challenges arising from the obligation to register polymers for all stakeholders of the Korean chemical industry, **Consortia Asia Co. Ltd.** set up the **Polymer Consortium Korea (POCKO)** for a smoother, more efficient and joint accomplishment of the requirements.

The **Polymer Consortium Korea (POCKO)** offers to you the following advantages:

- Experts in polymer chemistry handle, group and analyze polymers, respecting highest levels of confidentiality;
- Bundle, negotiate and streamline RfQs for polymer testing with qualified laboratories in the network of the Chemservice Group, resulting in cost reduction;
- Professional study monitoring on polymer testing;
- In case of available data, manage data sharing conditions and agreements;
- Polymer focused leadership and advocacy towards regulatory bodies;

- Proven track record of efficient set-up and management of consortia including establishment of legal framework;
- Independent financial management of consortia including trustee account, recalculation and reimbursement processes;
- Organization of study access for other legislations and management of reimbursements (e.g. for EU-REACH, if certain polymers are subject to registration, or for food contact applications).

According to the needs of each polymer group, the required services need to be defined individually.

Consortia Asia Co. Ltd. is an affiliated company to Chemservice and has been established in 2018 in Korea to manage industry consortia under K-REACH. Our activities build on the comprehensive expertise of **Consortia Germany**, one of the leading consortia service providers under EU-REACH. **Chemservice** is a leading global consultancy to the chemical industry and its supply chain, providing support in the review, implementation and observation of international chemical control legislation, while performing interdisciplinary problem solving to benefit our customers.

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