

Letters of Access for REACH registration in 2013 and 2018.

The Executive Committee of the Acetyls Consortia for **acetic acid**, **acetic anhydride** and **vinyl acetate** (VAM) have agreed that the final prices for Letters of Access (“LoA”) for registrations in volume bands below 1,000 tonnes/ year will be made available in 2012.

Two factors have lead to this decision:-

1. The final costs for registration at greater than 1,000 tonnes will not be known until the end of Q1 2011. It is necessary to take into account that ECHA could require additional studies or other work following the 2010 registration and therefore it would not be reasonably possible to agree any 2013/2018 LoA prices in the short-term.
2. The number of registrants in 2013 will not be known with sufficient certainty until at least the end of 2011 and this number will be a principal factor in governing the price to be charged.
In the interest of all registrants, the consortia want to avoid an unnecessary increase in management costs by calculating interim provisional prices based upon inaccurate estimates of the number of co-registrants.

The timetable for agreeing the prices for both 2013 and 2018 will be as follows:-

- Determining the necessary study costs - by end Q1 2011.
- Determining the number of registrants - towards end 2011.
- Agreeing an appropriate share of the administration costs - late in 2011.
- The final stage of LoA price calculation will begin in 2012, whilst recognising that for registration in 2013, the deadline is 31st May 2013.

The Executive Committee is committed to determining the price of Letters of Access in a fair and transparent way and encourages all interested parties to participate in the Joint Submission.

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