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EU RESTRICTS DIMETHYL FUMARATE (DMFU) UNDER REACH

The European Union recently incorporated DMFu into ANNEX XVII of REACH. The new law takes effect on 4 June 2012.

In March 2009, Decision 2009/251/EC was adopted to restrict DMFu in consumer products on an interim basis¹. Its validity was extended by 3 further Decisions where the latest Decision 2012/48/EU was applicable

until entry into force of REACH or 15 March 2013, whichever is the earlier².

On 16 May 2012, Regulation (EU) 412/2012 was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)³. Under the new law, the interim restriction of DMFu is incorporated as a permanent restriction under entry 61 of ANNEX XVII of REACH.

The new law takes effect on 4 June 2012 (20th day following publication in the OJEU). Highlights of the new law are summarised in Table 1.

TABLE 1.

SUBSTANCE	CITATION	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	REMARK
Dimethyl Fumarate (DMFu)	Regulation (EU) 412/2012	Articles or parts thereof	≤ 0.1 mg/kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Currently regulated under Decision 2012/48/EU until entry into force of REACH on 4 June 2012Incorporated as a permanent restriction under entry 61 of ANNEX XVII of REACH

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for DMFu in consumer products for the EU and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

¹ [Safeguards 064/09](#)

² [Safeguards 081/10](#), [Safeguards 051/11](#), [Safeguards 189/11](#), [Safeguards 015/12](#)

³ [Regulation \(EU\) 412/2012](#)

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