REGULATORY COST FACTORS GUIDE Understanding the main drivers of REACH registration costs When registering a chemical substance under REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), several cost factors influence the final registration fee. Understanding these can help you plan and budget effectively.

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COSTS

1. LETTER OF ACCESS (LOA)

- If your substance is already registered by another company, you will need a LoA from the lead registrant to legally use their data.
- Costs vary depending on the substance and data shared.
- Purpose: Avoid duplication of animal testing and access existing data.

2. MANDATORY CHARACTERIZATION LAB TESTING

- Before you can register, sameness testing is required to confirm your substance is identical to the previously registered one.
- This includes analytical tests or other lab work to demonstrate chemical equivalence.
- Purpose: Ensure ECHA can link your registration to the existing data package.

3. OFFICIAL ECHA FEES

- Fees depend on tonnage band (the volume you manufacture/import per year) and company size (micro, small, medium, large).
- Fees include registration, dossier submission, and administrative fees.
- Tip: Check ECHA's official fee calculator for guidance.

4. CONSULTANT/EXPERT FEES (IF APPLICABLE)

- Many companies hire regulatory consultants to navigate dossier preparation, data requirements, and communication with ECHA.
- Fees vary by consultant, substance complexity, and scope of support.

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REACH registration costs are influenced by data access, lab confirmation, official fees, and expert support. Planning ahead and understanding these factors saves time and prevents surprises.

Want to see how your registration costs might add up? Use our Regulatory Cost Calculator form to get a preliminary estimate—our experts will provide a tailored quote based on your specific substance and needs.

Why calculating REACH registration costs is complex

- Costs depend on multiple factors: substance identity, tonnage, company size, LoA arrangements, and testing requirements.
- Each registration is unique; there is no onesize-fits-all formula **nor** public database where these fees are tabulated and can be easily accessed.
- Tip: Use a structured calculator (like ours) to gather preliminary estimates, then receive a detailed, tailored quote from experts.

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