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Introduction

- Project title
 - "Total solution for the fulfilment of EU Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)"
- Ref no. D07 001 003



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- Applicant
 - The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong



香港中華廠商聯合會
The Chinese Manufacturers'
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• Collaborating Organizations

- CMA Industrial Development Foundation Limited – CMA Testing and Certification Laboratories (CMA Testing)
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廠商會檢定中心
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology – Health, Safety and Environment Office (HSEO)
 香港科技大學
HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA)
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HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY
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• Aims

- to provide support to SMEs to face the impact from REACH,
- to suggest the solution to solve the difficulties from REACH in case study,
- to gather the local and EU experts to study and deliver the specific solution for local SMEs,



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• Missions

- to setup a expert team to contribute ideas and information on REACH,
- to establish a chemicals database,
- to hold the REACH seminars,
- to establish a support centre (EHS Centre),
- to publish 3000 copies of implementation guidebook of REACH,
- to establish an informative website to update the information of REACH.
(<http://www.ehscentre.org>)



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Survey

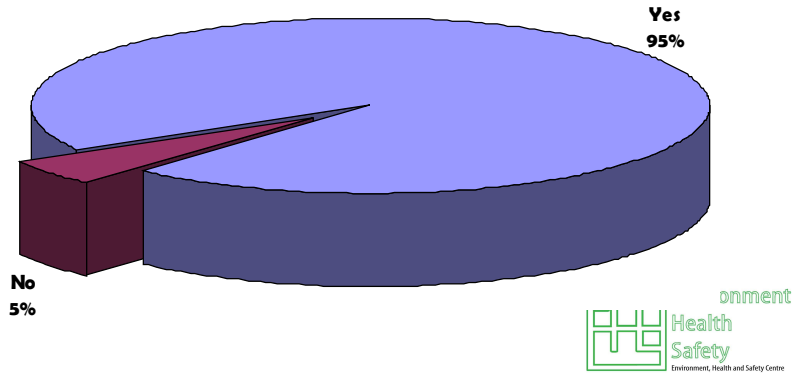
- Collected 118 questionnaires
- More than 80 companies & organizations from different fields



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Survey - analysis

Do you want to continue your business in EU market?

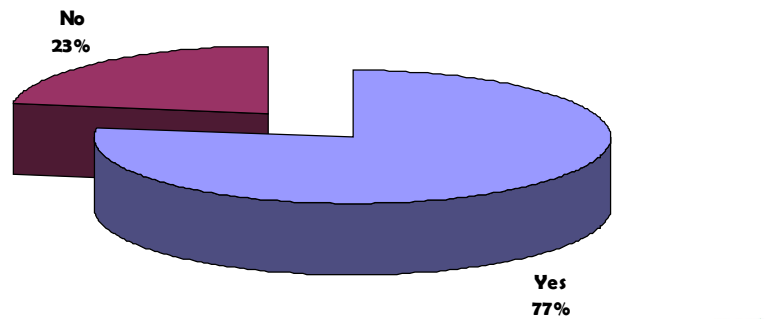


Survey - analysis

- Positive
 - Don't want to give up!!
- Cherish the EU market

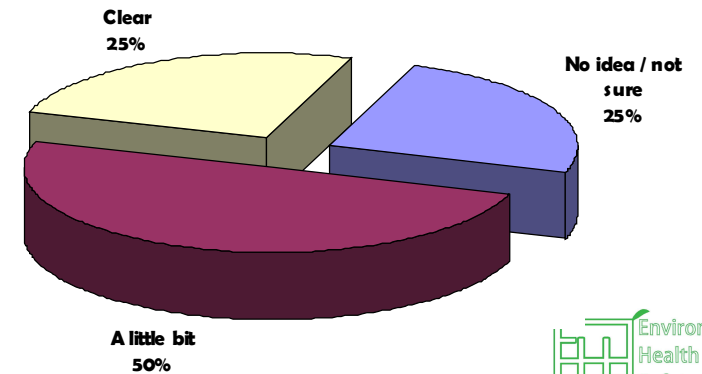
Survey - analysis

Did you hear about EU REACH regulation before?



Survey - analysis

Do you think REACH affects you?



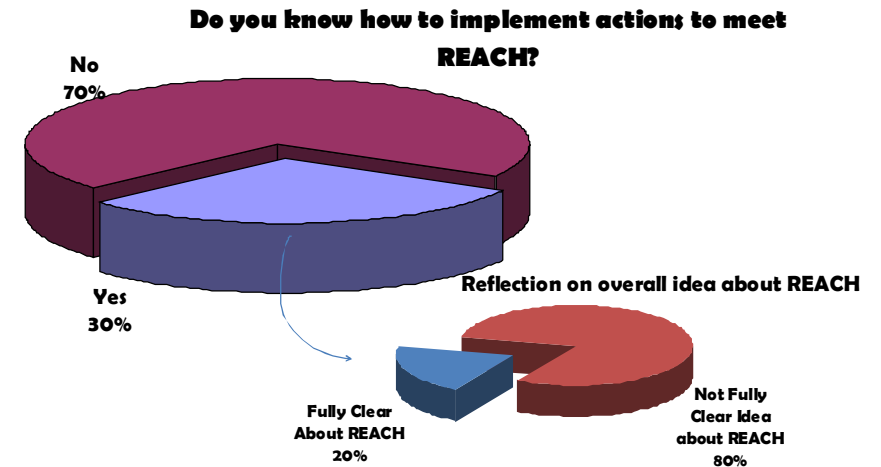
Survey - analysis

- **The awareness of REACH is not enough?!**
 - Maybe...
 - Hence, we set a question for the candidates to select which elementary actions should be taken
 - a. Pre-register
 - b. Registration of substances used in my products
 - c. Notify ECHA in case substances (SVHC) in my products are subject to authorization
 - d. Provide chemical safety information to customers in case substances (SVHC) in my products are subject to authorization
- **Result is...**



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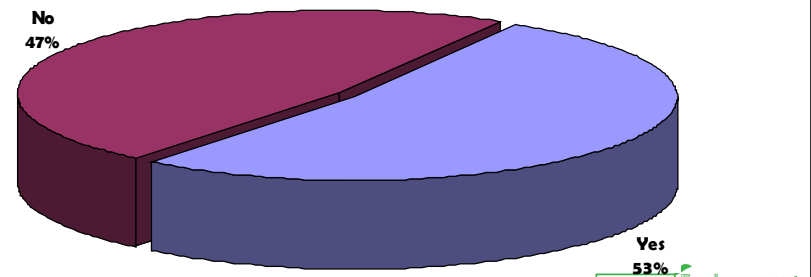
- **The awareness of REACH is not enough**
 - Suggestions
 - Enhance the promotion via internet, journals & seminars in different countries besides EU
 - Linkage with different countries organization & government to promote



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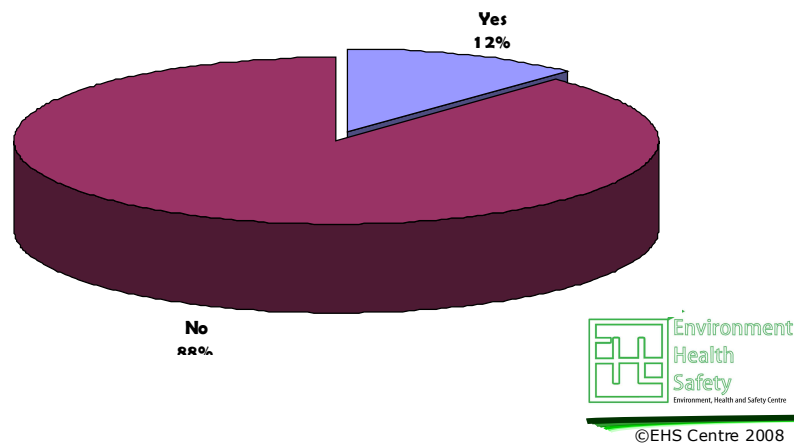
Did you or your colleague attend external training / seminar on REACH?



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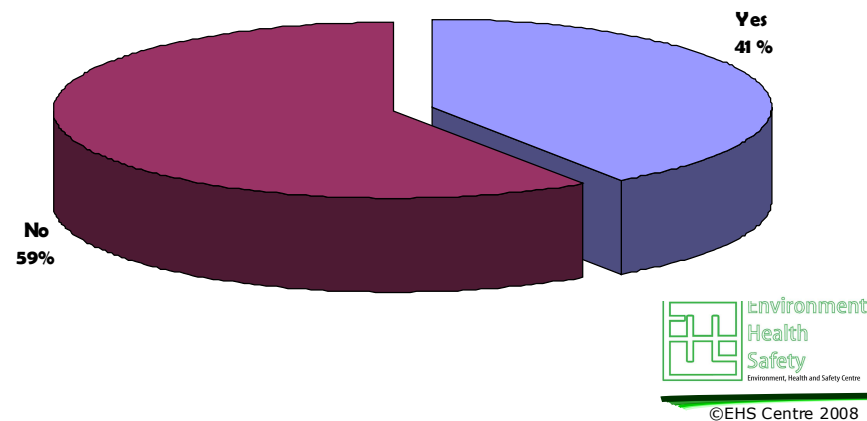
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Was in-house training organized to staff?



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Have you started to collect information on the substances used in your product?



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- Poor preparation of REACH
 - Because of the low awareness,
 - preparation is not enough, especially in SMEs
 - Cannot fulfill the requirements from REACH as well as Buyers & Venders.

Survey - Suggestions

- Cooperate with different country governments and NGOs, especially the main import states of EU, such as China & HKSAR
- Join more international conference in other countries.
- Communicate with different country governments & NGOs closely to exchange the information frequently