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## PRESS RELEASE

### **REACH: Unbureaucratic implementation is crucial**

After years of intensive and heated discussions, the European Parliament took an important step today by adopting a compromise package on REACH, the new European chemicals legislation. EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, hopes that this lengthy process will be followed by a smooth implementation phase.

Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES, commented after the vote: *“While the final result is not optimal, some improvements have been made to make REACH more workable for European companies. Now business is concerned that the text is made operational in a quick and effective manner. Therefore we urge the European Commission, the new Chemicals Agency, and the Member States do their utmost to make implementation as unbureaucratic as possible for enterprises – especially for SMEs for which the challenge is particularly big.”*

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