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Quick guide to finding information on the new chemicals legislation

European chemicals legislation has changed over recent years with the introduction of the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) and Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulations. Their purpose is to protect human health and the environment whilst preserving the competitiveness of industry and ensuring the free movement of chemical substances within the EU. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) ensures the consistent implementation of these regulations across the European Union.

ECHA's website is a single point of entry point for information on REACH and CLP.

http://echa.europa.eu

IN YOUR LANGUAGE

We provide information in the following 22 languages:

Bulgarian	Czech
Danish	Dutch
Estonian	English
Finnish	French
German	Greek
Hungarian	Italian
Latvian	Lithuanian
Maltese	Polish
Portuguese	Romanian
Slovakian	Slovenian
Spanish	Swedish

Croatian – coming up in 2013

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

▸ Web sections on REACH and CLP
▸ News
▸ Leaflets
▸ Guidance
▸ Practical guides
▸ Webinar presentations
▸ IT manuals
▸ and more…

If you have questions after reading the guidance and other information on the website you can contact the helpdesk in your country for assistance in national languages.

http://echa.europa.eu/nationalhelp

WEB LINKS

The following information is available in 22 EU languages on our website:

ECHA news (http://echa.europa.eu/news_en.asp) informs about the most important technical and regulatory developments. Translations are provided online two weeks after the news is published in English.

CLP (http://echa.europa.eu/clp_en.asp) dedicated web pages with detailed guidance on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP) regulation.

REACH (http://echa.europa.eu/reach_en.asp) gets you started with REACH requirements, the chemicals covered and the tools to help you.

SIEF (http://echa.europa.eu/sief_en.asp) gives an overview of the critical information on Substance Information Exchange Fora (SIEFs) and how to prepare for registration under REACH.

Data sharing (http://echa.europa.eu/datasharing_en.asp) is one of the core principles of REACH. Companies should jointly submit dossiers and share information on substances. This increases the efficiency of the registration system, reduces costs and discourages unnecessary testing on vertebrate animals.

Guidance (http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/) helps you to understand your obligations under REACH and how to fulfil them.

REACH-IT (http://echa.europa.eu/reachit_en.asp) companies submit data and dossiers on chemical substances with this tool.

Navigator (http://echa.europa.eu/navigator) helps you to understand your obligations under REACH and to find appropriate guidance on how to fulfil them. Twenty language versions of the Navigator are available on ECHA's website. The Polish authorities host the Polish version, the French version will be available before the end of 2012 and a Croatian version is coming in 2013.

C&L notification (http://echa.europa.eu/clp/inventory_notification/notification_how_en.asp) is a spreadsheet application that allows you to generate your Classification and Labelling (C&L) notification.

C&L inventory (http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/information-on-chemicals/cl-inventory) is a database containing the C&L information of substances notified to ECHA. It also includes the list of legally binding EU harmonised classifications according to the CLP criteria.

SME pages (http://echa.europa.eu/support/small-and-medium-sized-enterprises-smes) provide information and support specifically targeted to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Regularly consult ECHA's website for new information and documents!

KEY PUBLICATIONS

The Agency offers a series of publications to help companies to comply with REACH and CLP. They all are listed online in the List of Publications.

These are examples of the key documents with hyperlinks to the location from which they can be downloaded.

Publication type	Description and examples
Leaflets	Leaflets are concise and easy-to-understand overviews of ECHA and the regulations under its responsibility ▸ REACH 2013 Leaflet ▸ Notification of SVHCs in Articles (Select 'Fact sheets and Leaflets' in "Document Type") ▸ National Helpdesks in your language CLP leaflets: ▸ Time to reclassify your chemicals! ▸ Time to reclassify your chemicals! Downstream users ▸ Time to reclassify your chemicals! Importers ▸ CLP, Research and Development
Fact sheets	Fact sheets are short structured overviews of REACH and CLP related technical topics ▸ SIEF Formation and Data Sharing ▸ Safety Data Sheets and Exposure Scenarios ▸ Authorisation: Fact sheet on inclusion of substances in Annex XIV ▸ The Public Classification and Labelling (C&L) Inventory Fact sheet
Guidance Fact sheets	Guidance Fact sheets provide a structured overview of each REACH guidance document (Select 'Fact sheets and Leaflets' in "Document Type") ▸ Substance identification ▸ Use Descriptor System ▸ Guidance on Data Sharing ▸ Socio-Economic Analysis – Restrictions
Guidance in a nutshell	Guidance in a nutshell are shortened versions of the REACH guidance documents ▸ Identification and naming of substances under REACH and CLP ▸ Requirements for substances in articles ▸ Registration data and dossier handling ▸ Chemical safety assessment
Guidance documents	Guidance documents describe good practice on how to fulfil obligations ▸ Registration ▸ Substances in articles ▸ Guidance for Annex V (Exemptions from obligation to register) ▸ Chemical safety assessment and report ▸ Downstream users ▸ Introductory guidance on the CLP Regulation

Publication type	Description
Practical Guides	Provide practical background information on how to comply with REACH and CLP requirements
Industry User Manuals	Describe to industry users how to submit and view data through the REACH-IT portal.
Data Submission Manuals	Assist industry users by providing detailed and illustrative assistance on how to build IUCLID dossiers for the various REACH processes.
IUCLID 5 end user manual	Describe to users how to work with the IUCLID 5 software application. It also serves as a complete reference manual for all IUCLID features, functions, options and possible paths through the application.
Webinar presentations	Webinars are information sessions that ECHA hosts online. They consist of presentations and question and answer sessions. Up to one thousand participants can join a Webinar session live from the comfort of their own office. Each Webinar is also recorded and later published on the ECHA website.

The Agency provides an online multilingual terminology database with more than 900 key REACH and CLP terms and their definitions in 22 EU languages, ECHA Term. Users can download terms in one or more languages, for example CLP hazard and precautionary statements.

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