Communication down the supply chain under REACH

Substances and preparations

Is the chemical placed on the market for professional use?

Yes → / **No** →

Yes branch:

Does the chemical meet the criteria for classification as dangerous?

Yes → A safety data sheet is supplied.

No

Is it a substance that is persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) in accordance with the criteria set out in annexe XIII of REACH?

OR

Is it a substance present in the candidate list for eventual inclusion in the annexe XIV of REACH (substances subject to authorisation)?

Yes → A safety data sheet is supplied.

No

No branch:

A safety data sheet is not supplied.

Unless requested by a downstream user or distributor, the safety data sheet need not be supplied where dangerous substances or preparations offered or sold to the general public are provided with sufficient information to enable users to take the necessary measures as regards the protection of human health, safety and the environment.

The chemical is a preparation.

Does the preparation include:

– at least one substance posing human health or environmental hazards in an individual concentration of ≥ 1% by weight for non-gaseous preparations and ≥ 0.2% by volume for gaseous preparations;

OR

– at least one substance that is persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), in accordance with the criteria set out in annexe XIII of REACH in an individual concentration of ≥ 0.1% by weight for non-gaseous preparations;

OR

– a substance present in the candidate list for eventual inclusion in the annexe XIV of REACH (substances subject to authorisation) in an individual concentration of ≥ 0.1% by weight for non-gaseous preparations;

OR

– a substance for which there are Community workplace exposure limits?

No →

Yes ↓

The supplier provides the recipient at his request with a safety data sheet.

The chemical is a substance.

No safety data sheet is required.

The following information is provided:

– indication of whether the substance(s) is/are subject to authorisation and details of any authorisation granted or denied in this supply chain;

– details of any restriction imposed;

– any other available and relevant information about the substance(s), necessary to enable appropriate risk management measures to be identified and applied. This includes specific conditions stated by the registrant in his registration dossier(s) which had allowed him not to carry out some tests required by REACH;

– the registration number(s), if available, for any substances for which information is communicated under the above points.

Articles

Any supplier of an article containing a substance present in the candidate list for eventual inclusion in the annexe XIV of REACH (substances subject to authorisation), in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight, shall provide the professional recipient of the article with sufficient information (at the least the name of the substance), to allow safe use of the article.

The relevant information shall be provided, to a consumer at his request free of charge, within 45 days of receipt of the request.