

SAFETY DATA SHEETS FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS INFORMATION SHEET



In accordance with the REACH Regulation (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006), a safety data sheet (SDS) should be supplied with any hazardous chemical. Safety data sheets (SDSs) provide useful information on chemicals, describing the hazards the chemical presents, and giving information on handling, storage and emergency measures in case of an accident. Over the coming years, SDSs may include further information on safe handling, in the form of exposure scenarios. REACH requires users of hazardous chemicals to follow the advice on risk management measures given in the exposure scenario, where provided.

The Safety Data Sheet must contain the following 16 headings:

1. Identification of the substance/information
2. Hazards Identification
3. Composition/information on ingredients information
4. First aid measures information
5. Fire - fighting measures
6. Accidental release measures
7. Handling & Storage
8. Exposure controls / PPE
9. Physical and chemical properties
10. Stability & Reactivity
11. Toxicological Information
12. Ecological
13. Disposal
14. Transport
15. Regulatory
16. Other



Safety Data Sheets must be provided for:

- Chemicals classified as hazardous in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP)
- Substances meeting the criteria as persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent very bio-accumulative (vPvB) to the environment in accordance with REACH
- Substances which appear on ECHA's Candidate List of substances of very high concern (SVHC) for a reason other than either of the two points above
- Mixtures (upon request of the downstream user/distributor) which themselves are not classified under CLP but which contain at least one substance that is:
 - classified as hazardous to health or the environment above concentration limits set out in Article 31(3) of REACH;
 - a PBT or vPvB at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ w/w;
 - on the Candidate List of SVHCs at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ w/w for a reason other than either of the two points above;
 - assigned an EU limit value for exposure at the workplace (OELV).

A Safety Data Sheet must be:

- Prepared by a competent person
- In an official language(s) of Member State where the chemical is being placed on the market
- In the required 16 heading format
- Specific to the chemical
- Clear and understandable
- Provided free of charge, either on paper or electronically
- Provided no later than at the time of first delivery
- Updated when new information on the chemical becomes available or when an authorisation is granted or refused or a relevant restriction is imposed under REACH
- Provided to everyone who has received the chemical during the previous 12 months upon update or revision
- Dated and the pages numbered.

