

New rules

The European chemicals legislation has changed in recent years with the introduction of four regulations that ensure the free movement of chemicals in the European Union and a high level of protection for human health and the environment:

- **REACH** - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals;
- **CLP** - Classification, Labelling and Packaging of hazardous chemicals;
- **BPR** - Biocidal Products Regulation;
- **PIC** - Prior Informed Consent in the international trade of hazardous chemicals and pesticides.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) ensures the consistent implementation of these regulations across the European Union and the countries in the European Economic Area - Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway.

We provide information in 23 official EU languages on the legislation on our website.

Terminology in your language

ECHA-term is an online service with more than 1 300 legal terms and their definitions in 23 official EU languages that can be filtered and downloaded in various formats.

<http://echa-term.echa.europa.eu/>

Is ECHA of interest to me?

Yes, if you are a:

- **Company** manufacturing, importing, distributing or using chemicals;
- **Worker** handling chemicals;
- **Professional and industrial association** in the chemical or manufacturing sector;
- **Non-governmental organisation** active in the protection of human health, the environment and animal rights;
- **Consumer** interested in safer products and sustainable consumption;
- **Journalist** covering health, the environment, consumer, business and related issues;
- **Policy maker** at national, European and international level;
- **National authority** in the EU and the European Economic Area;
- **Scientist or academic** involved or interested in regulatory science.

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ECHA Services at a glance



Helping companies to comply

You can use ECHA's website to:

Identify your obligations

Use the Navigator to find out about your role under the REACH and CLP regulations and to get guidance.

Stay up-to-date

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Participate in events

Our annual stakeholder conferences with one-to-one consultation sessions are free to attend or follow online. You can also register for the free online webinar programme.

Find answers to typical questions

Browse or search by keyword the growing list of frequently asked questions.

Find help in EU languages

Use our website and your national helpdesks.

Check if you qualify for reduced fees

Small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) pay less to comply with REACH and the BPR. Take the interactive test and follow a step-by-step guide to correctly declare your company size.

Get support

<http://echa.europa.eu/support>

IT TOOLS

You submit your chemical dossier using:

- **IUCLID** to organise the data.
- **REACH-IT** and **R4BP 3** to submit the information and keep it up-to-date.
- **Chesar** to prepare a chemical safety report.

Advancing the safe use of chemicals

ECHA cooperates with international bodies and regulatory agencies worldwide on new and emerging issues related to chemical safety.

Stakeholder organisations at EU level representing industry, academia and civil society are accredited at ECHA and work together with the Agency to protect human health and the environment.

<http://echa.europa.eu/about-us>

Information on chemicals

ECHA's website is a unique source of information on the chemicals manufactured and imported in Europe, their hazardous properties, classification and safe use. This information comes direct from the manufacturers and importers.

<http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Chemicals in our life

This web section explains how chemicals can be used safely both at home and at work, and the consumers' "right to ask" introduced by REACH.

<http://echa.europa.eu/chemicals-in-our-life>

PUBLICATIONS

- Leaflets and fact sheets
- Facts & Figures, reports and workshop proceedings
- Guidance documents
- "Guidance in a Nutshell"

Find publications in 23 EU languages at:

<http://echa.europa.eu/publications>

Addressing chemicals of concern

We work together with the European Commission and the EU Member States to identify "substances of very high concern" for human health and the environment and to decide which substances require regulatory risk management at EU level. The ultimate goal is to replace them with safer alternatives.

<http://echa.europa.eu/addressing-chemicals-of-concern>

You can get involved

ECHA consults the public on proposals to:

- Test substances on animals,
- Harmonise the classification of dangerous chemicals,
- Identify "substances of very high concern",
- Decide which of them will require prior authorisation,
- Authorise their temporary use by individual companies,
- Restrict certain uses of substances,
- Decide which biocidal active substances could be substituted by safer ones.

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