

About the CLP Regulation


REACH/CLP tips for users of chemicals

ECHA-19-B-07-EN

The CLP Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 deals with the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals within Europe. This document outlines how this affects users of chemicals in the workplace.

- Who classifies chemicals?
- Why is the same chemical classified differently by different suppliers?
- What should I do when I get different classifications?

- How do I find classification information on ECHA's website?
- How do I determine whether the classification information from my supplier is reliable?
- What should I do if I receive information according to the previous legislation?



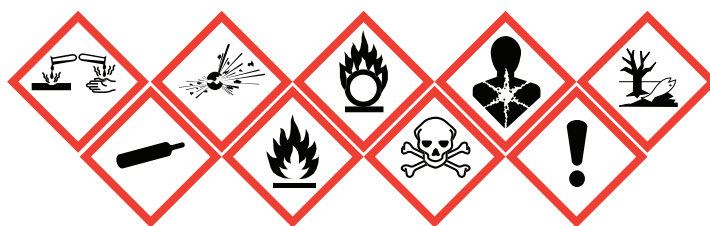
I'll find the answer in...
"Tips for users of chemicals
in the workplace" (CLP)

What does that mean for a company that uses chemicals?

- You should be aware that the CLP Regulation has fully replaced the Dangerous Substances Directive (DSD) 67/548/EEC and Dangerous Preparations Directive (DPD) 1999/45/EC since 1st June 2015.
- The classification and labelling of some chemicals has changed. This could affect the risk management measures that you take, both for workplace and environmental exposure.
- You are most likely to see classification changes for the hazards of acute toxicity and skin corrosion/irritation. There are also differences in the classification criteria for flammable liquids.
- You need to ensure that all employees handling chemicals recognise and understand the CLP labels, including the pictograms and the hazard and precautionary statements.
- Your supplier is responsible for providing correct information to you. However, you need to check the labels and the safety data sheets for the chemicals you handle on site. You should recognise when the information is consistent and reliable – and when it is not!
- You should no longer receive mixtures that are classified, labelled and packaged in accordance with DPD. The transitional period for products that were already labelled and packaged in accordance with DPD and in the supply chain before 1st June 2015 ended on 1 June 2017.
- Contact your supplier if the information you get is inadequate, or you receive different information from different suppliers.
- If you supply mixtures, use the step-by-step guide at <http://echa.europa.eu/support/mixture-classification> to help you classify them. Make sure you update the label and safety data sheet as necessary.

Where can I get more information ...about the CLP Regulation?

- See <https://www.echa.europa.eu/regulations/clp/understanding-clp> for an overview of the CLP regulation and useful links.
- Train employees to recognise the new pictograms using <http://echa.europa.eu/clp-quiz> <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/clp/clp-quiz> and https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2621167/eu-osh_chemical_hazard_pictograms_leaflet_en.pdf
- For Tips for users of chemicals in the workplace (CLP), see http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/966058/tips_users_chemicals_workplace_en.pdf
- If you are a formulator, see <http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/downstream-users/who-is-a-downstream-user/formulators>



...about DOWNSTREAM USERS?

- Web pages containing information specifically aimed at Downstream users have been tagged accordingly. Click the tag to retrieve the list of relevant content.

