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# Guidance and tools for downstream users

Quality information is critical for all actors along the supply chain – from companies manufacturing and importing chemicals who need to assess their safety, to users wanting to ensure safe handling.

This factsheet provides an overview of guidance and tools for users of chemicals. This material, largely available in 23 EU languages, can be found in the *Communication in the Supply Chain* section of ECHA's website.



## GETTING STARTED

An easy way to get familiar with the REACH and CLP regulations is to watch ECHA's short videos that explain the key aspects of the requirements for the users of chemicals. The videos have subtitles available in 23 EU languages. You can turn them on in the videos' settings.

- [Who is a downstream user under REACH and CLP?](#)
- [How REACH and CLP affect downstream users?](#)

[Tips for users of chemicals](#), a series of one-page documents, gives concise introductions to:

- the REACH Regulation
- the CLP Regulation
- ECHA's databases on chemicals
- chemicals of concern
- authorisation
- the role of downstream users
- exposure scenarios
- the downstream user chemical safety report.

The short guide [Tips for users of chemicals in the workplace](#) outlines how to best use the classification and labelling information received from suppliers.

## MORE RESOURCES

- The interactive guide on [Safety Data Sheets and Exposure Scenarios](#) provides an overview of these information sources. It helps suppliers of chemicals to compile their extended safety data sheets correctly and companies receiving them to better understand the information that has been provided.
- The practical guide [How downstream users can handle exposure scenarios](#) aims to assist users of chemicals to comply with their duties in relation to the extended safety data sheet they receive from their suppliers.
- The case study [The use of information generated by REACH/CLP to ensure the safe use of chemicals](#) provides examples of how to best use the information found in extended safety data sheets.

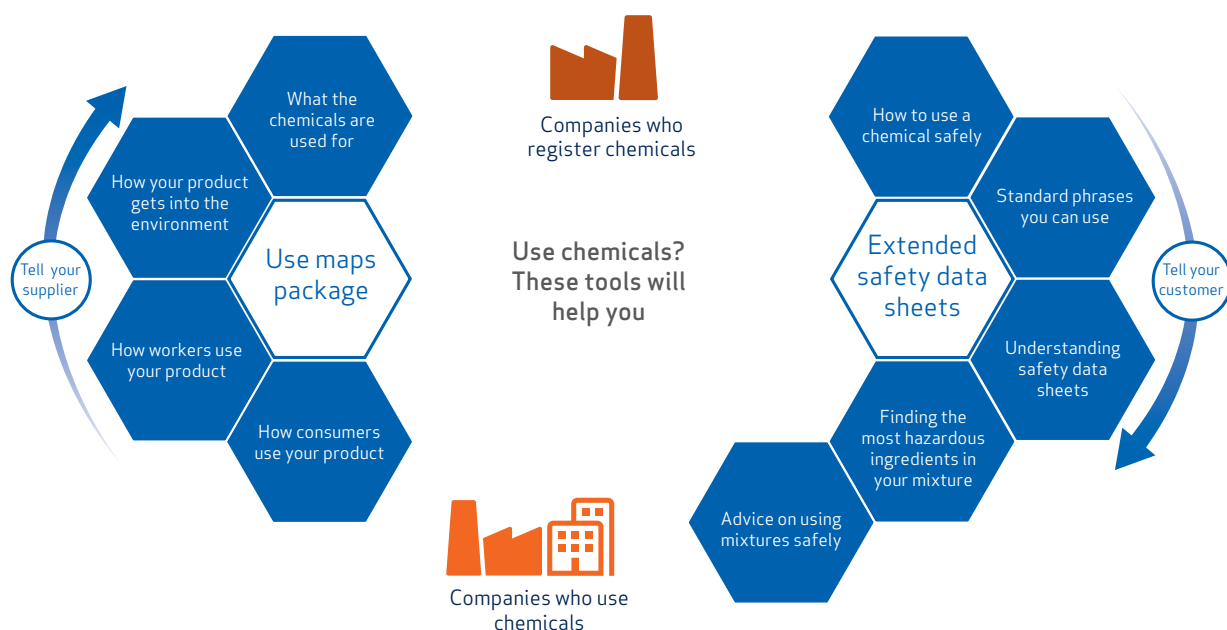
## GOING DEEPER

Under REACH, companies using chemicals are responsible for managing them safely at their sites. They also need to pass quality information on uses and use conditions up in the supply chain to suppliers. This communication is essential in ensuring that the necessary information is provided to downstream users in extended safety data sheets, so that they in turn can make sure the chemicals they buy are handled safely.

- ECHA's [downstream user web pages](#) explain in detail how users of chemicals are affected by the REACH and CLP regulations and provide links to relevant support material.
- The [guidance document for downstream users](#) provides comprehensive information on the regulatory requirements for users of chemicals.

## In English only

- ECHA's [presentations](#) on the REACH and CLP regulations provide detailed information on the key aspects of the regulatory requirements for companies using chemicals. They can be downloaded and edited by the user.
- ECHA's [Users of Chemicals channel on LinkedIn](#) keeps its followers up to date on developments relating to the REACH and CLP regulations and promotes networking between peers who are interested in the safe use of chemicals.
- The [Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios](#) (ENES), a collaborative network for industry and authorities, develops effective tools for information exchange between supply chain actors.



## Use chemicals? These tools will help you

This [infograph](#) brings together the different tools that are available to companies to communicate information efficiently and effectively along the supply chain. Focusing on companies formulating mixtures, it outlines how the tools relate to that role in the supply chain.