

Downstream users: Navigating ECHA's website for information on chemical substances

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- Latest version here:
 - <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/support/guidance-on-reach-and-clp-implementation/consultation-procedure/>
- Practical Guide 13: How downstream users can handle exposure scenarios

Q&As, Helpdesks (ECHA and National)


- Q&As can be found here (Downstream users and DU reports):
 - <http://echa.europa.eu/support/qas-support/qas>
- National Helpdesks:
 - <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest//support/helpdesks/national-helpdesks>
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Key REACH terminology now available also in Croatian

Nearly 300 REACH terms and their definitions are now available in Croatian on ECHA-term. More Croatian terminology will be added later this year. The terms can be filtered according to the domain and can be downloaded in Microsoft Excel or TermBase eXchange format.

In total, the database contains more than 1 000 REACH, CLP and biocides-related terms and their definitions in all EU languages, including the CLP precautionary and hazard statements, and pictograms.

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Twenty-eight data sources participate under Chemical Substance Search.

Four databases participate under Chemical Property Data Search.

The [list of data sources participating](#) in eChemPortal is continuously expanding.

Chemical Property Data Search

eChemPortal provides free public access to information on properties of chemicals:

- Physical Chemical Properties
- Environmental Fate and Behaviour
- Ecotoxicity
- Toxicity

eChemPortal allows simultaneous searching of reports and datasets by chemical name and number and by chemical property. Direct links to collections of chemical hazard and risk information prepared for government chemical review programmes at national, regional and international levels are obtained. Classification results according to national/regional hazard classification schemes or to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) are provided when available. In addition, eChemPortal provides also exposure and use information on chemicals.

How to Use eChemPortal

Under Chemical Substance Search you can search for information by chemical number (recommended) or by chemical name and synonym, including partial names, in several languages.

You can then search for specific endpoint property data for the substances you selected under Search. You

Latest news

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) database of completed chemical reviews now searchable in eChemPortal

21 August 2013

EPA Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides (EPA HHBP) now searchable on eChemPortal

15 January 2013

<http://www.echemportal.org/>

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The eChemPortal is an effort of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in collaboration with the European Commission (EC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the United States, Canada, Japan, the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC), the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Program on Chemical Safety (IPCS), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

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