ECHA Guidance for Downstream users The essentials

Communication in the supply chain

Chapters 1, 3 and 6

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Chapter 1: Introduction

- REACH processes
- Overview of communication in the supply chain
- Key terms

REACH – main processes from downstream user perspective

Registration

Communicate uses and conditions of use to registrants
Receive extended safety data sheets

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Evaluation
- Dossier evaluation
- Substance evaluation

If registrant's chemical safety assessment changes, downstream user may receive an updated SDS
Substances may be identified as substances of very high concern

Authorisation
Restriction

Downstream user's use needs to be covered by authorisation (own or upstream)
Only unrestricted uses may continue

Communication in the supply chain

Registrants

Registration dossier

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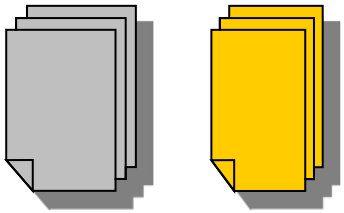
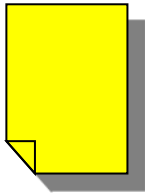


Chemical Safety Report
Exposure Scenarios



Safety Data Sheet

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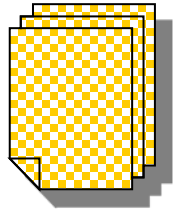


Exposure Scenarios

Information on uses

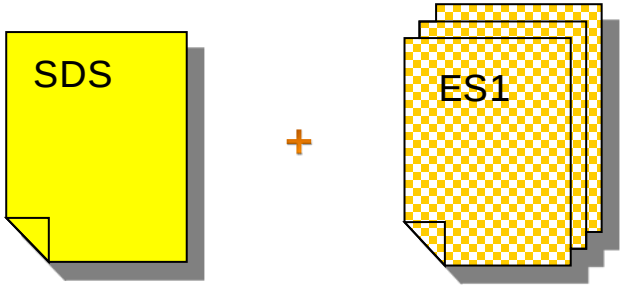
Safety advice

Downstream Users

Key terminology

Use

Exposure scenario



Conditions of use

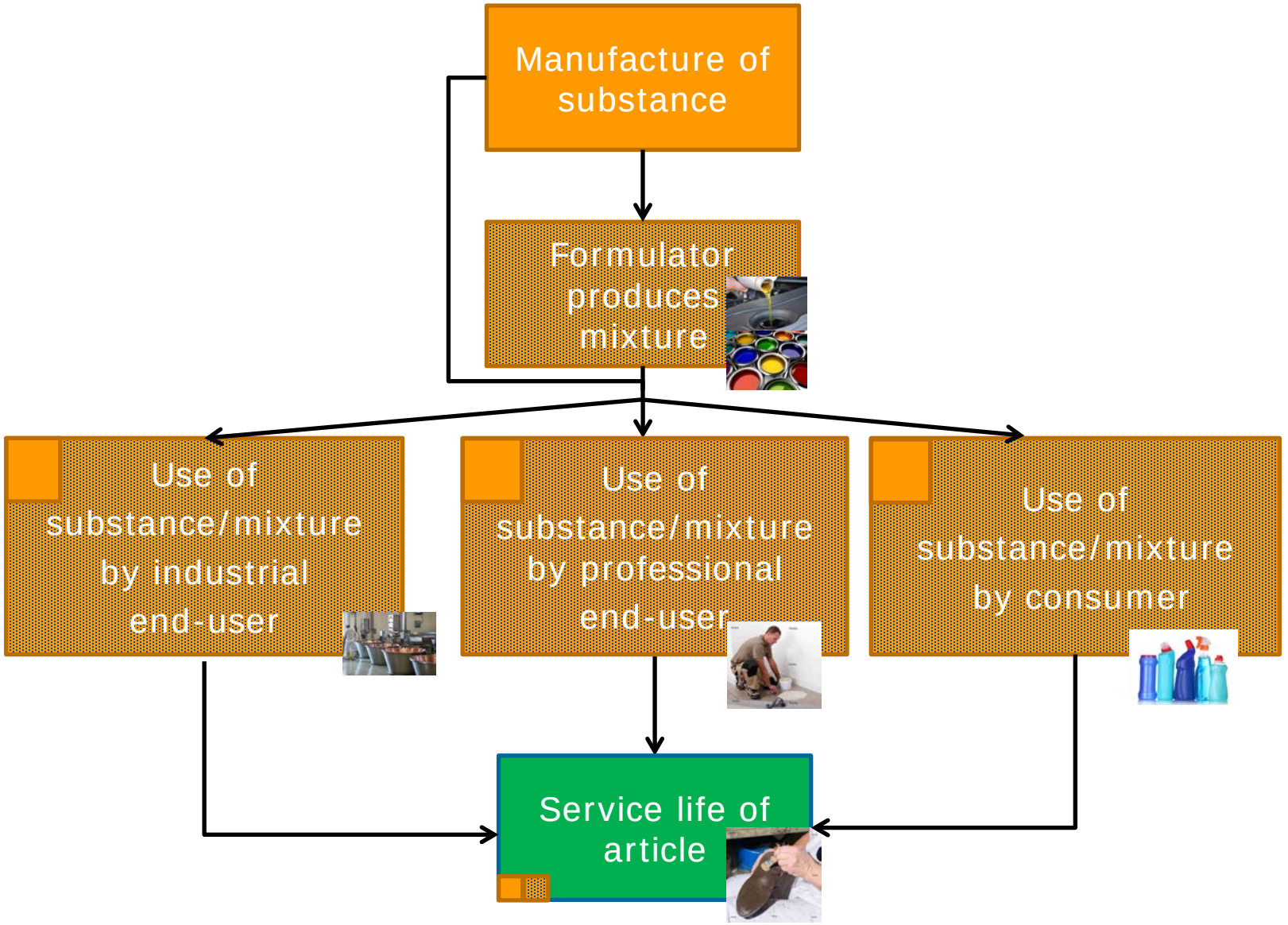
Operational conditions

Risk management measures

Chapter 3: Communication in the supply chain

- Life cycle of a substance
- Harmonised communication elements **NEW**
- Communication via sector organisations **NEW**
- Communication from downstream user to supplier
- Response to downstream user communication

Life cycle of a substance



Harmonised communication elements

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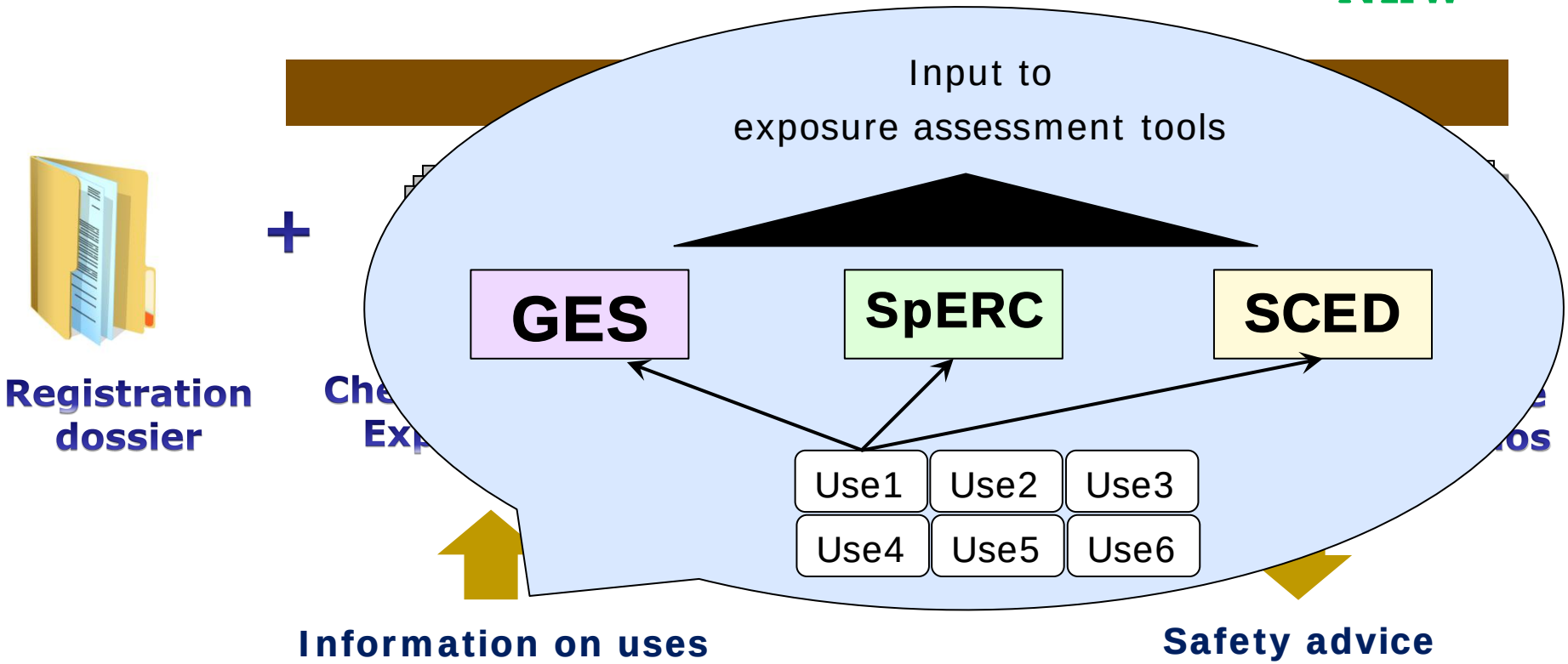
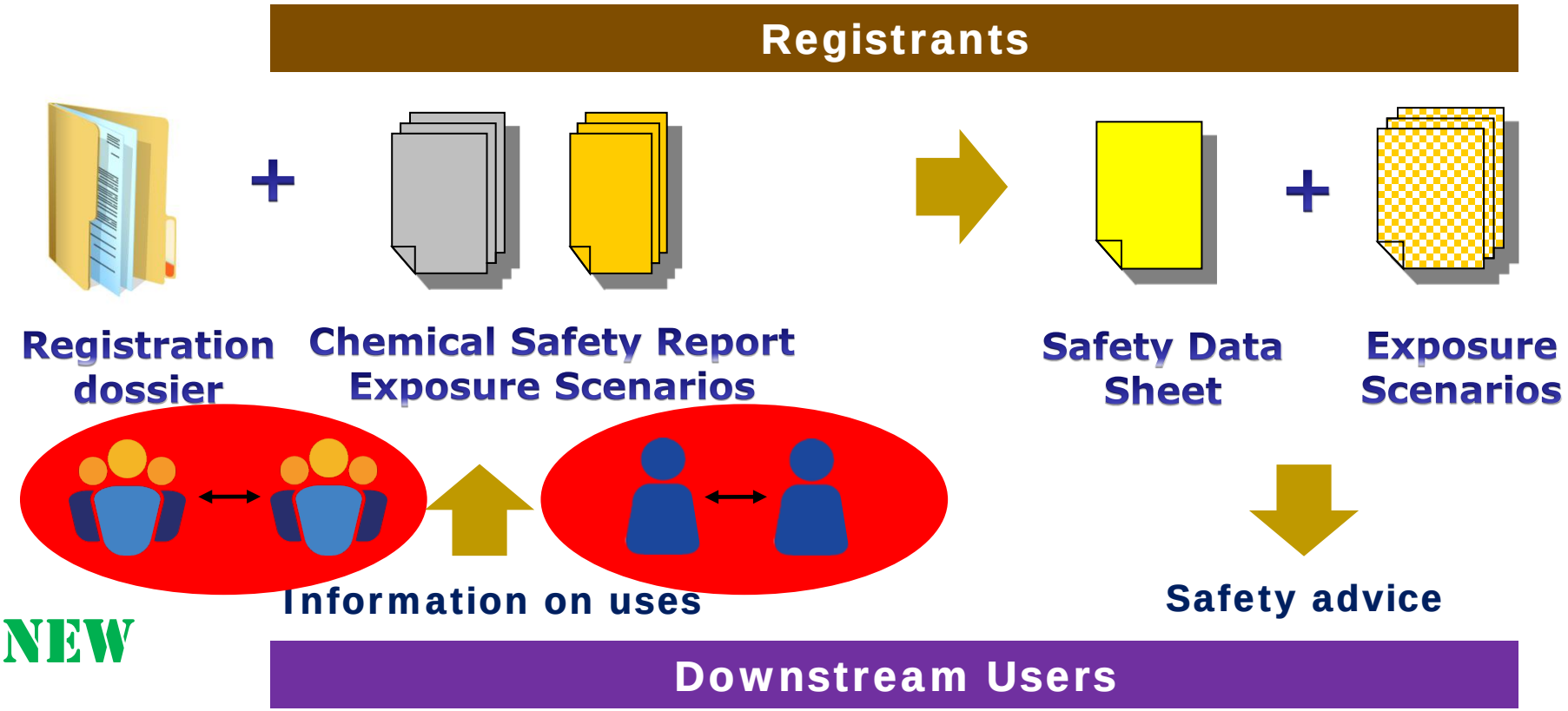


GES = Generic exposure scenario
SpERC = Specific environmental release category
SCED = Specific consumer exposure determinant

Organising communication in the supply chain



Communication in the supply chain

- **Where** to collect information
- **What** information to communicate
- In **which format** to communicate information
- **How** the supplier **can react** to the information passed on to him

Chapter 6: Communicating upstream

- Information on hazardous properties
- Information on inappropriate risk management measures
- Informing ECHA about new classification of a substance

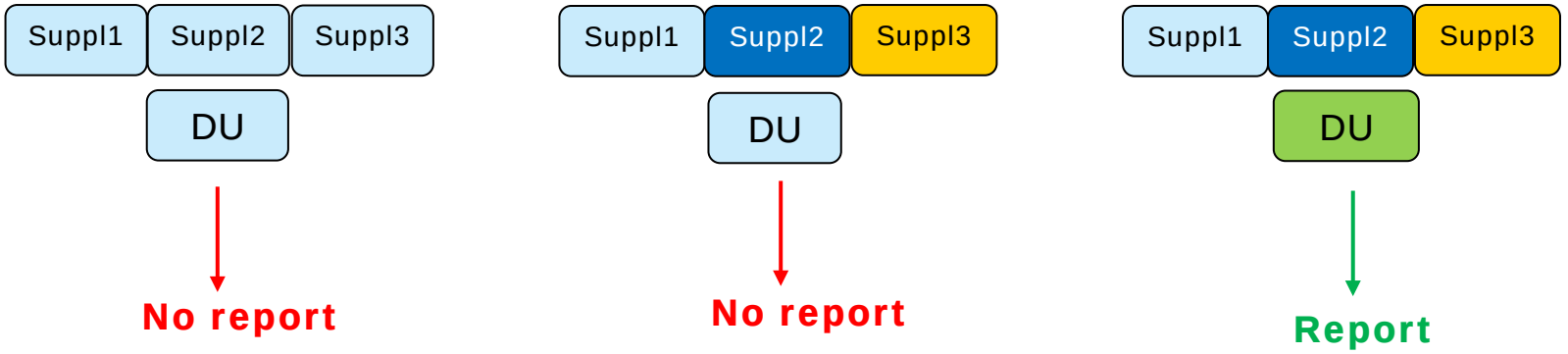
Information on hazardous properties

Inappropriate risk management measures

- How to decide whether information is **new**?
- What is ”**inappropriate**” risk management measure?
  - E.g. not effective, overprotective
- How to **communicate**?
- What are the **timelines**?
- What is the **expected** supplier **response**?

New classification - Article 38(4) NEW

- When and what to report to ECHA



Note: Reporting classification differences is not required for a substance used in quantities less than 1 tonne per year

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