

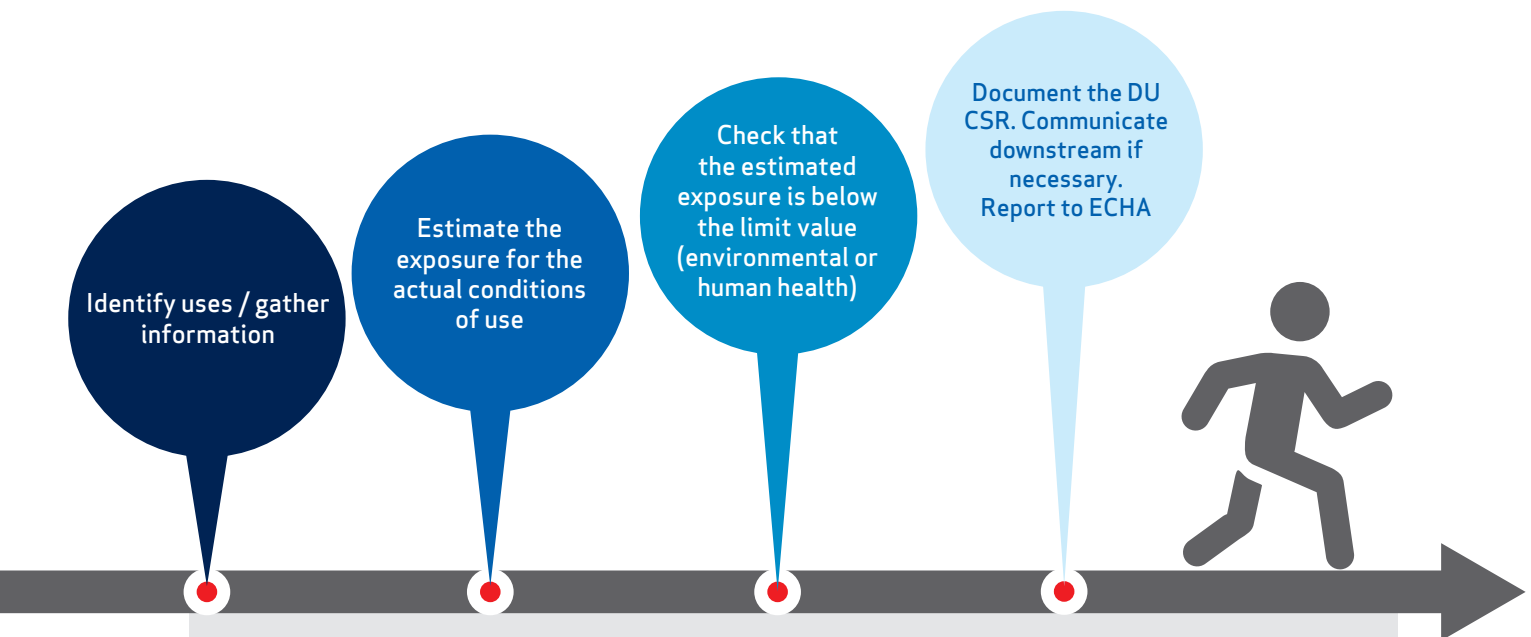
About a DOWNSTREAM USER CHEMICAL SAFETY REPORT (DU CSR)

REACH/CLP tips for users of chemicals

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When you receive exposure scenarios (ESs) annexed to safety data sheets (SDSs), you need to check that your use and conditions of use are covered in the ES provided by your supplier. If not, one option is to prepare a downstream user chemical safety report (DU CSR). This document outlines the main steps.

Preparing a downstream user chemical safety report (DU CSR) - the main steps



A DU CSR is likely to be the preferred option if:

- you want to maintain your use as confidential
- the use is advised against by your supplier but you consider that the risk is controlled
- your suppliers are unwilling to include the use in their ES provided to you for the substance when you contact them.

What does this mean for a company that uses chemicals?

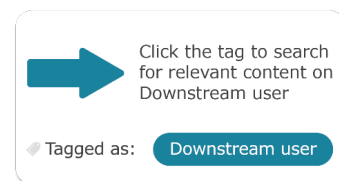
A DU CSR can be simple or complex, depending on the situation. The competency required is typically that of an environmental health and safety (EHS) practitioner, who can check exposure scenarios and undertake risk assessments as required by other EHS legislation, and who can recognise when greater expertise is needed to undertake the chemical safety assessment.

Before you start, check the following:

- Are other options possible, such as implementing the conditions of use or substituting with a safer alternative substance/process or asking your supplier to cover your use?
- Do any exemptions apply (for example, is your use less than 1 tonne per year)?
- Has your sector organisation prepared suitable sector based assessments?
- Can you take advantage of risk assessments undertaken on site under other EHS legislation?

Where can I get more information ... about a DOWNSTREAM USER CHEMICAL SAFETY REPORT (DU CSR)?

- ECHA Practical Guide 17 “How to prepare a downstream user chemical safety report”, see http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13655/pg17_du_csr_final_en.pdf
- For more about checking exposure scenarios, see:
 - Interactive guide on safety data sheets and exposure scenarios <https://echa.europa.eu/safety-data-sheets-and-exposure-scenarios-guide>
 - ECHA Practical Guide 13 “How downstream users can handle exposure scenarios”, see http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13655/du_practical_guide_13_en.pdf



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