

# Work together - optimise the use of SCIP data

# Use tools that enable you to refer to previously submitted data

ECHA has created solutions to refer to data that has previously been submitted to the SCIP database. These tools:

- facilitate the submission of SCIP notifications to ECHA: in some cases, companies do not need to prepare a dossier or submit updates when those have already been submitted by others;
- help to prevent redundant data being submitted for the same article. This makes the use of the data more efficient for users (waste operators and consumers);
- promote working together in supply chains.

You can use these tools to refer to already submitted information:

1. The simplified SCIP notification (SSN) allows you to refer to information already successfully submitted to the SCIP database, without having to prepare and submit a new IUCLID dossier. Primarily, it targets distributors, but also other actors can use it, for example, companies belonging to the same corporate group.

Example: Companies A and B within the same corporate group import or place the same article on the market. They can agree that Company A prepares and submits a SCIP notification dossier with all required information. Company B uses the SSN to refer to the information that Company A submitted to ECHA.

2. The use of 'referencing' in a SCIP notification dossier. For instance, assemblers refer to notifications already made for the articles that they incorporate into complex objects they place on the EU market.

When using these tools, you are still responsible for the information you submit to ECHA, i.e. for the information you are referring to.

More information: "Tools to refer to SCIP data already submitted to ECHA" and Q&A 1777.

### Continuous improvements: simplified SCIP notifications for one or more legal entities

A new feature on the ECHA Submission Portal enables more than one company to submit simplified SCIP notifications (SSNs) at the same time. The feature allows a user with foreign user rights to work on behalf of different companies (legal entities) and submit simplified SCIP notifications for more than one legal entity at the same time.

Information related to the foreign user function: <u>Q&A 1665</u>, <u>Q&A 960</u> and <u>ECHA Accounts</u> manual.

Information on who can use this new feature (multi-legal entity SSN submissions): <u>How to prepare and submit a SCIP notification</u>.

Information about SSN: <u>Tools to refer to SCIP data already submitted to ECHA</u> and <u>Q&A</u> <u>1777</u>.

#### Dissemination and confidentiality in the SCIP Database when using SSN and 'referencing'

ECHA publishes the SCIP data on its website as received from you. The accuracy and content of your SCIP notifications remain your responsibility.

Since November 2019, to protect commercial interests such as links between actors in the supply chain, ECHA implemented automated rules for not disclosing data reported in some specific fields of a notification. This means that only the name and the article category of the components are disclosed, and not other names and other identifiers.

To know which data from SCIP notifications will be published, refer to "<u>Dissemination and confidentiality in the SCIP database</u>". The document "<u>Tools to refer to SCIP data already submitted to ECHA</u>" also provides clarifications on the information disseminated when using "referencing" and SSNs.

We strongly recommend you to get a clear understanding of the data that will be published. Take our advice also into account when building your SCIP notification dossiers as well as when referring to your own notifications or to the data already submitted to ECHA by other companies.

More information: <u>Dissemination and confidentiality in the SCIP database</u>

## **Updated SCIP support documents available**

After the IUCLID 6 version 6 update in October, the following documents have been

# updated:

- New <u>SCIP Format</u> documents
- <u>Candidate List Package</u> with the new format
- Categories of materials and additional material characteristics included in the SCIP format
- Validation rules for SCIP notifications
- <u>SCIP Notification Format Preparing a SCIP dossier</u>

With kind regards and wishing you a relaxing holiday break,

the SCIP team