

EUROPEAN REGULATION (EC) No. 1272/2008 ON CLASSIFICATION, LABELLING, AND PACKAGING OF SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURES (CLP REGULATION), EU ADOPTION OF THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Since June 2015 all Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in the EU must conform to (EC) No 1272/2008 on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP Regulation). This regulation implements the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of classification in the EU; similar legislation operates in the USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia and China.

In the EU, the REACH regulation has consolidated available information for classification and should result in much more comprehensive SDS's for substances. In the absence of a harmonised classification or a REACH classification, industry is required to assess all available data to derive a self-classification. A CLP notification (via REACH-IT) is also required within one month of placing a hazardous substance on the market.

Mixtures are also required to be classified and labelled according to CLP and, in the absence of data on the actual mixture, hazard information on each component must be considered. The classification of mixtures can be complex and requires a thorough understanding of the available data and its relevance towards the overall classification.

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- Confirm your compliance and assess your potential obligations to submit CLP notification to ECHA;
- Complete notifications on your behalf or guide you through the process;
- Ensure your SDS is compliant with CLP and REACH requirements;
- Classify mixtures and products according to GHS and, where appropriate, apply for an 'alternative name' for proprietary substances.

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