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NCEC is the leading provider of poison centre notification services. It is one of the few organisations that continually document and update industry on notification procedures for all EU Member States.

Notification of mixtures that have a health or physical effect classification is mandatory now in most EU Member States.

This map shows how notification requirements vary for key markets in Europe as of April 2018.

For more information on the new information requirements, speak to us or visit: the-ncec.com/poison-centres

What do you need to do now?

Notification is mandatory now in most Member States.

The 2020 deadline is simply the date by when all new notifications have to be submitted under the harmonized information rules agreed upon in Annex VIII.

The notification process should be simpler. However, in the majority of Member States, the information required on the composition of mixtures will be significantly greater than it is now. The inclusion of a UFI on the label of mixtures is just one of the additional requirements.

If any of your products fall under the scope of these requirements and have not been notified, then you may be non-compliant and at risk of enforcement.

Belgium

Appointed body

Centre antipoisons/Antigif Centrum

Official advisory body

Centre antipoisons/Antigif Centrum - +32 02 264 96 36. This number is available 24/7 for members of the public and medical professionals to ring.

Is mixture notification mandatory?

Yes. Notification must be made 48 hours before a mixture is placed on the market.

What else needs to be notified?

Any mixture containing nanoparticles.

Fees for notification

EUR 200 per notification.

Is NCEC aware of enforcement?

No

The Netherlands

Appointed body

Nationaal Vergiftigingen Informatie Centrum (NVIC)

Official advisory body

NVIC- +31 (0)30 274 8888 available 24/7 for medical professionals only.

Is mixture notification mandatory?

Yes. It is forbidden to trade mixtures on the Dutch market that fall under the scope of Annex VIII and have not been notified to the NVIC.

Fees for notification

None

Is NCEC aware of enforcement?

Yes

Germany

Appointed body

The Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

Official advisory body

None, but a 24-hour emergency number must be provided on safety data sheets (SDS) that can provide medical advice in German.

Is mixture notification mandatory?

Yes but full notification can be deferred to the Annex VIII deadlines for certain mixtures if the SDS is notified with the Institut für Arbeitsschutz.

Fees for notification

None

Is NCEC aware of enforcement?

Yes

Spain

Appointed body

Sistema de Información Toxicológica (SIT) managed by Instituto Nacional de Toxicología y Ciencias Forenses

Official advisory body

None

What else needs to be notified?

Any product that wished to use the SIT telephone number, +34 91 562 04 20 on safety data sheets and product labels.

Is mixture notification mandatory?

Yes. Notification should be conducted before the product is placed on the market.

Fees for notification

EUR 30 per notification

Is NCEC aware of enforcement?

Yes

France

Appointed body

Institut national de recherche et de sécurité (INRS)

Official advisory body

ORFILA number (INRS)+33 (0)1 45 42 59 59. This number is available 24/7 for members of the public and medical professionals to ring.

Is mixture notification mandatory?

Yes. Within 30 days of a mixture being placed on the market.

Phased deadlines for notification dependent on the hazard classification. Deadlines were in 2014 and 2017. Upcoming deadlines are in 2019 and 2022.

What else needs to be notified?

Any substance classified as hazardous under CLP because of its health or physical effects and is placed on the market under a trade name.

Fees for notification

To notify, you must have an RGS* security certificate costing approximately EUR 200 per year.

Is NCEC aware of enforcement?

Yes

What are appointed bodies?

Institutions set up under Article 45(4) of Regulation 1272/2008 (the 'CLP Regulation') to receive information on the composition of hazardous mixtures from importers and downstream users placing such mixtures on the EU market.

What are official advisory bodies?

Poison centres that have been given a special status in that Member State which requires the poison centre's telephone number to be included in section 1.4 of a safety data sheet under REACH Annex II. Notification is often required to use this number.

What needs to be notified?

Mixtures with a health or physical effect classification, biocides, detergents and cleaning agents.

Who needs to notify?

The organisation placing a mixture on the market in a Member State. As many Member States require companies to declare the full composition of their products, it is common for distributors and rebranders of the product to move back up the supply chain, outside of the EU, and request that manufacturers make a notification on their behalf.

Annex VIII to CLP

On the 22 March 2017, the European Commission released Annex VIII to the CLP to harmonise the implementation of Article 45 of CLP across the EU.

Annex VIII will, from 2020 for mixtures for consumer use, from 2021 for mixtures for professional use and from 2024 for mixtures for industrial use, bring in the following requirements across the EU:

- Mandatory notification in all Member States.
- Full declaration of hazardous and non-hazardous components of mixtures for consumer use and professional use.
- Reduced notification for mixtures for industrial use where a 24/7, multilingual emergency number is available.
- Provision of a unique formula identifier (UFI) for each composition, which is to be displayed on the labels of consumer use and professional use mixtures.

Any notification that is completed now under the current Member State requirements is valid until 2025. This assumes no change is made to the mixture that would trigger an update.