

Cefic Standard reply to customers on REACH use communication

[HEADER INCLUDING CUSTOMER DETAILS AND REFERENCE TO RECEIVED COMMUNICATION]

Dear Customer,

Many thanks for your recent communication on the uses of the chemical products you purchase from us *[OPTION TO INCLUDE LIST OF PRODUCT(S)]*.

We are currently updating the REACH Use mappings of the products we place on the market. For our Use mapping we continue to apply the Use Titles and associated Use Descriptors which serve as basis for the Generic Exposure Scenario (GES) concept based on the ECHA guidance on use descriptors R-12. For more information on REACH use communication and exposure scenarios, please consult the available industry guidance *[e.g. the Cefic website: <http://cefic.be/templates/shwPublications.asp?HID=750&T=806> and/or any other relevant industry association website explaining the GES concept and approach]*

In the process of updating the Use maps for the products we supply to you we have considered the following:

1. the product-specific Use information we have received from you and other customers. *Please note that in order to make a use known to the registrant, "sufficient information" needs to be provided according to article 37.2 of the REACH Regulation. The Use title or description of the application should be provided together with the appropriate combination of Use descriptors for the specific products as a minimum.*
2. updates to the Use maps by relevant industry associations so far as they relate to our products *[OPTION: INCLUDE LIST OF ASSOCIATIONS and/or link to relevant website(s)]*
3. any significant changes contained in the (imminent) update of the REACH Use Descriptor guidance by ECHA¹

We expect this process to be finished soon, and will make the updated Use maps for our products available *[e.g. via our REACH website, or other means] [Option to include: inform customer when the updated Use maps are published]*

If your use is adequately covered by this updated information, no further action is required. In the meantime, you might consider contacting your relevant trade association to participate in the development of Generic Exposure Scenarios if appropriate. For an overview of activities from DU associations, please visit the Cefic libraries website: <http://cefic.be/en/reach-for-industries-libraries.html>.

¹ The use descriptor system is not finalised at the moment of writing this letter but the latest draft version can be consulted at: http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/guidance4_en.htm





Please note that where there is no legal obligation to provide a Safety Data Sheet according to article 31 of the REACH Regulation, there is no need to communicate Use information in the Supply Chain for these products.

As a next step, a chemical safety assessment as needed for the registration dossier will be performed on the considered uses. We may have to come back to you if further information is needed to prepare the chemical safety assessment. Uses without the sufficient information as per item 1 above will not be evaluated for the registration dossier.

Finally, we would like to remind you that Use communication will continue depending on the different registration deadlines of the supplier, and even beyond 2018 for new uses

Should you have further questions on how we are addressing the challenges of REACH, please contact:

[Your association / REACH contact in the company / Sales Contact]

We look forward to continuing a successful cooperation with you.

