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Your access point to EU chemicals legislation

Webinar: Getting to know the EU Chemicals Legislation Finder

Questions and answers

ECHA organised a webinar on 4 March 2020 on the EU chemicals legislation finder. It gave a preview of the new service that puts 40 pieces of EU chemicals legislation at your fingertips, enabling you to find out how your substances are regulated in the EU and what legal obligations you have.

This document compiles the questions and answers from the webinar. Minor editorial changes have been made to correct spelling mistakes and similar questions have been combined into one. The document will not be updated.

If you need advice on the pieces of legislation covered by EUCLEF and your obligations, you can [contact our regulatory advice service](#).

How will the substance identity change be managed with the ongoing process --> EC N° changed, CAS N° spontaneous change/modification?

We will oversee substance identity changes in our data and manage the appropriate migration of identifiers and submitted data.

Substance identity changes in EUCLEF data will be handled automatically by our IT systems, where possible, and will link to the central ECHA substance identities that we manage.

If necessary, we can always intervene to correct cases where problems are found in precisely identifying substances.

Will PACT information be included?	All information coming from PACT and from EUCLEF is linked in the InfoCards of relevant substances. Note that PACT relates to ongoing regulatory activities. In EUCLEF, we only look at the final legislative text and the way it regulates a given substance, including the obligations that it stipulates.
What will be the turnaround time for updating EUCLEF when new pieces of legislation are adopted, or ATP's are performed on existing pieces. I.e. will it always be current?	EUCLEF will implement changes within an estimated 3-month period once an updated piece of legislation is published on EUR-Lex.
Is it foreseen to also cover national legislation of EU countries in the future?	Currently there are no plans to cover these under EUCLEF. We are looking into expanding EUCLEF further and will consider them as part of this work.
Will there be any indication of when information is updated? For example: latest date of update for each substance or for each piece of information?	The legislation profile will include information on the latest update of the respective piece of legislation.
Will the RoHS Directive be included in the near future?	The RoHS Directive is already included in EUCLEF.
What about group entries (for example in Annex VI of CLP)? Will individual substances be covered by group entries specified in EUCLEF? For example - barium salts have a group entry in Annex VI of CLP.	For group substances, we are working to electronically encode identified group members. EUCLEF data includes many such group members. Our experts are working to validate and include these on our website.
Will EUCLEF cover cosmetic regulations or medical devices?	The current version of EUCLEF includes the Cosmetic Products Regulation while the Medical Devices Regulation is not yet covered.
Will there be an API for the EUCLEF tool?	Currently there are no plans to distribute EUCLEF data through an API.
Does the database also cover chemical substances listed in export control laws?	ECHAs' database contains information on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation.
While I understand that different pieces of legislation need to be added over time, is it possible to indicate briefly which legislation has not yet been covered to ensure that users does not get led into a false sense of security that everything has been covered?	EUCLEF will provide a panel on the main landing page that will show you all the pieces of legislation currently covered by the service. The scope of EUCLEF will evolve with time and it is not possible to give a definitive list of pieces of legislations not covered by the service. In any case, all EU legislation is available in EUR-Lex .

How are food contact legislation for paper packaging in direct food contact covered if there is no harmonised legislation in the EU?	Only pieces of legislation that are published in EUR-Lex are covered in EUCLEF.
Which pieces of legislation will be covered in the first version?	You can find a full list of legislation currently covered by EUCLEF on the main landing page .
Is it possible to receive alerts on substances of interest? Will there be an option to monitor legislative development?	<p>If you have created an ECHA account, by signing in, you can access additional features such as saving your favourite search criteria and storing a list of favourite substances.</p> <p>When there is a change in a legislation that has entered into force, this will be reflected in the legislation profile available in EUCLEF.</p>
Is the Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL) section on the substance info card new?	Yes, this is a new feature and is still inactive. It will be active and clickable after the EUCLEF go-live on 11 March for the substances subject to one of the pieces of legislation with OELs in the scope of EUCLEF.
Is the marketing and use of explosives precursors regulation included in EUCLEF? What about the ELV Directive 2000/53/EC?	Additional pieces of legislation have already been identified and will be announced closer to their publication.
Is the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) covered by EUCLEF?	Some of the legislation in ECHA's remit are: REACH, CLP, BPR and PIC. You can find further information here .
Is the Classification and Labelling (C&L) inventory integrated in the EUCLEF search and if yes, only harmonised classifications or also self-classifications?	For lists that needed to be derived from CLP, only harmonised classification data is included in EUCLEF. For any other substance, you can find information in the C&L inventory whether harmonised or self-classified, linked always from the relevant substance Infocards
What are the differences between the existing "Advanced search for Chemicals" and "EUCLEF"?	<p>EUCLEF will bring data from 35 legislations, not currently in ECHA's remit. EUCLEF data will be presented across our chemicals database, including the advanced search.</p> <p>With the advanced search you can, for example, identify substances subject to specific lists in EUCLEF, and subject to legislation covered by ECHA, and search with filters such as properties of concern, classified hazards and so on.</p>

Will information in the Cosing database be included?	EUCLEF only includes information from the legal text.
Do the obligations also refer to requirements to be listed in a safety data sheet?	EUCLEF provides you with obligations for the respective piece of legislation. For the requirements on SDS, see Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets .
After having created an ECHA account, a list of 'favourite substances' can be stored. To my knowledge, this has been limited to 10 substances. Has the maximum number of substances been increased or is there an intention to do so?	The maximum number has been increased to 100 and more. Try again through your ECHA account.
Is it possible, to add a large list of "favourite substances" or is it a 1 by 1 entry?	Currently, it is 1 by 1.
Will EUCLEF cover "Dual use" materials subject to export control? (Weapons etc.)	It depends on the content of the specific pieces of legislation. If you need a precise answer, contact the EUCLEF regulatory helpdesk .
Substances with carcinogenicity category 1A are easily extracted and detailed information on each substance is available with the advanced search for chemicals. Is it also possible with EUCLEF?	<p>EUCLEF data, for some lists, is derived from the harmonised classification and labelling. However, one cannot, and should not search for harmonised C&L hazards like Carc. 1 A from a EUCLEF dataset.</p> <p>You can use the advanced search to search for harmonised C&L = xxx AND substance is in EUCLEF list(s) A and / or B and / or C etc.</p> <p>With the advanced search data source options, you can also search for C&L data coming from e.g. Harmonised C&Ls and/or REACH registrations and/or C&L notifications</p>