

Revision of the European CLP Regulation

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The safety of chemicals in the EU is regulated by the CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, which is based on the international standard of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

The CLP Regulation is the basis for the classification and labelling of chemical substances and mixtures in the EU.

All companies that manufacture, import or market chemical products in the EU must ensure compliance with the requirements of the CLP Regulation.

As part of the "Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability" published in 2020 and the "Green Deal", the EU Commission made a proposal to revise the CLP Regulation at the end of 2022.

The CLP Regulation was revised in two stages:

1. Introduction of new hazard classes
2. Adaptation of the CLP Regulation

NEW HAZARD CLASSES

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/707¹ on the CLP Regulation introduced 4 new hazard classes.

The new hazard classes include:

- Endocrine disruption with effects on human health
- Endocrine disruption with effects on the environment
- Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic properties or very persistent and very bioaccumulative properties
- Persistent, mobile and toxic properties or very persistent, very mobile properties

ADAPTATION OF THE CLP REGULATION

Regulation (EU) 2024/2865² adopts important innovations for the classification, labeling and packaging of chemicals, which is an important step towards greater safety and transparency.

Transition periods of 18 to 24 months apply to most adjustments, while longer transition periods (between 42 and 48 months) apply to sales.

Processes must be adapted by online retailers, manufacturers, importers and sellers. With the long transition periods, there is time to implement the new requirements. However, companies should start implementation early to avoid potential penalties.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/707/oj/eng

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2865/oj?eliuri=eli%3Areg%3A2024%3A2865%3Aoj&locale=en>

Important changes for our customers concern the following points:

- New legibility requirements - minimum font size and minimum space between lines on the label,
 - Depending on the capacity of the packaging
 - Minimum font size for containers up to max. 0.5 liters 1.2 mm, for containers from 0.5 up to 3 liters 1.4 mm, for containers from 3 up to 50 liters 1.8 mm and for containers from 50 liters 2.0 mm. The line spacing is 120 % and
 - the font color is black on a white background.
- The deadline for updating after a stricter self-assessment by the raw material supplier is a maximum of 6 months for each station in the supply chain.
- Folded labels are now treated equally
 - Specifications for the front side; the pictograms and signal words in all languages, UFI and references to the inside pages with language codes.
- Possibility to use digital labels.
- Advertising for dangerously classified substances or mixtures must contain the required pictograms, the signal word, H-phrases and EUH-phrases.
 - "Always read and observe the information on the product label."
 - There is an exception for audio advertising; the pictogram and signal word do not apply.
- Mandatory information for online offers. All labeling elements (such as hazard symbols) must also be visible online. (+EU supplier)
- References to environmental claims ("green claims") have been deleted.
- Regulations for small quantities of less than 10 ml (e.g. mixtures in stationery, pens, glue tubes, paint tubes) have been introduced.
 - Labeling of inner packaging with pictogram GHS01, GHS05, GHS06, GHS08, if applicable, and product identifier required
- Notifications to the poison information centers - possibility also designate the Agency as the body to receive the relevant information and
- Further clarifications on the obligations of distributors

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