

Paints production company

Formulators

- Formulators are downstream users who produce mixtures and usually supply them further down the supply chain or directly to consumers. They mix together substances and/or mixtures, with no chemical reaction taking place during the process. Examples of such mixtures include paints, adhesives, cosmetics, lubricants, detergents and diagnostic kits.
- The obligations on supplying information on chemicals also apply to distributors.

Formulators - role

- formulator - a key role to play in enhancing the safe use of chemicals by communicating relevant information both to your suppliers and your customers.
- When you provide information to your suppliers on how your mixtures are used in practice, this helps registrants of the substances to include the actual conditions of use in their chemical safety assessments. Registrants, in turn, can then provide you with exposure scenarios that are both relevant and realistic.

Communication with suppliers

- Suppliers should provide information on the conditions of safe use of hazardous substances to downstream users. Downstream users may, in turn, contact the supplier if the conditions of use that are described do not match their actual conditions of use.
- Downstream users need to inform their supplier if the recommended risk management measures, either in the main body of the safety data sheet or in the exposure scenarios, are inappropriate.
- When downstream users become aware of new hazard information, they should also inform their immediate suppliers without delay.

Downstream user roles and obligations

- to provide information regarding their uses to suppliers of substances. This enables registrants to include these uses in the chemical safety assessment
- to implement measures specified by their supplier to ensure the safe use of the substance or take appropriate action
- to inform their supplier if they have new information on the hazards of the substance or the risk management advice is not appropriate
- to take appropriate action if using a substance included in the Authorisation List or the List of Restrictions.

In addition, for formulators only:

- to provide their customers with appropriate information on hazards and conditions of safe use for their mixture. Formulators also have obligations under the CLP Regulation.