

# Use Chemicals Safely Seminar



25th May, 2016

Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Lough Atalia Road, Galway

This seminar aims to provide a practical view of some of the main laws, information sources and tools available to enable you to use chemicals safely at work. The four speakers are experienced Inspectors from the Chemicals and Prevention Division of the HSA and their combined knowledge makes attendance at this seminar an opportunity not to be missed. It is aimed at those who use chemicals every day at work particularly those with responsibility for safety, training, purchasing, storing and transporting of chemicals. The seminar is free of charge but space is limited so book [here](#) to ensure your place.

## About the Inspectors you will meet:

**Majella Cosgrave** joined the HSA in 1999. She currently works as a senior policy inspector with responsibility for stakeholder communication, CLP policy and REACH work areas such as identification of substance of very high concern, evaluation and prioritisation for authorisation. She is Ireland's nominee to ECHA's Member State Committee.

**Caroline Walsh** joined the HSA in 2001. She manages the HSA's Chemicals Helpdesk and represents Ireland at ECHA's HelpNet Steering group for REACH and CLP. She was the Irish expert during the CLP negotiations in 2007-2008 and is involved in the ongoing adaptations to CLP. She worked on the development of the ECHA CLP labelling and packaging guidance and is currently involved in its update.

**Sinead McMickan** has worked in the HSA for the past 13 years. She has recently been involved in the drafting of

the revision of Annex II to REACH regarding Safety Data Sheets and ECHA's guidance document on the compilation of Safety Data Sheets. She is the current Irish delegate on ECHA's Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement.

**Michelle Mc Dermott** has worked as an inspector within the Occupational Hygiene Unit of the HSA since 2008. In addition to workplace inspections and investigations, she is a member of the REACH substance evaluation team.

**Jean Shannon** joined the HSA in 2000. She has worked as an inspector enforcing the Seveso and ADR Regulations and also has experience in the REACH policy area. She is currently an ADR policy inspector, responsible for policy and guidance development and is the Irish delegate at the UNECE working party on transport of dangerous goods.



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## Agenda

9.00 to 9.30 **Registration/Tea and Coffee**

9.30 to 9.40 **Opening remarks Majella Cosgrave, senior inspector, HSA**

9.40 to 10.20 **Understanding hazard communication in the workplace**

**Caroline Walsh** will provide an overview of classification, labelling and packaging (CLP) requirements, including the transition from old to new labels, exemptions, new combined supply and transport labelling, changes to workplace labelling and in practical terms why the hazard label is the key hazard communication tool for the safe use of chemicals at work.

10.20 to 11.00 **Information is the key to chemical safety**

**Sinead McMickan** will provide an overview on how to use information generated by REACH and CLP to support occupational safety and health in the workplace, focusing specifically on the safety data sheet (SDS), how to use the information in carrying out a risk assessment and finding publicly available information on REACH and CLP.

11.00 to 11.30 **Question and Answers followed by coffee break**

11.30 to 12:10 **Chemical Agents Risk Assessments – a practical side**

**Michelle Mc Dermott** will address the Chemical Agents Regulation 2001, covering the specific requirements necessary to complete a risk assessment of chemical agents in the work place. The presentation will include examples of typical risk assessments, illustrating the common gaps seen in meeting the legal requirements. There will be a focus on how to fulfil the requirements of the legislation in a practical and useful manner.

12:10 to 12:50 **On the move - considerations for the transport of dangerous goods**

**Jean Shannon** will address various aspects of transport including duty holders and different modes of transport, classification, labelling packaging and marking of packages and vehicles, documentation required for transport, exemptions, Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (DGSAs) and how to determine if a company needs one, training requirements and considerations for the transport of waste.

12:50 to 13:20 **Questions and Answers**

13:20 to 13:30 **Conclusion/Close of Seminar**



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