Brexit - What you need to do if you source chemical products from the UK

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Overview

Implications regarding the following key points:

- Classifying, labelling & packaging hazardous chemicals
- Obligations to notify hazardous chemicals
- Safety data sheets (SDSs)
- Substances subject to restrictions
- Labelling/packaging/info requirements for detergent products
- Export of very hazardous chemicals
- Import of very hazardous chemicals
- Different roles and duties



Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol

- CLP Regulation: Under the Protocol, CLP applies in respect of Northern Ireland meaning that chemicals traded between Northern Ireland (NI) and Ireland (IE) must comply with all the rules set out in the Regulation
- Detergents Regulation will apply to NI and, therefore, detergents sourced from NI, and those supplied by an Irish company to NI, must comply with the EU Detergent Regulation
- The Protocol allows for the Export/Import Regulation to apply to NI, meaning that movement of chemicals between NI and IE will not be considered as exports/imports under the Regulation



Classification, labelling & packaging

Bringing chemical substances or mixtures in directly from GB from 1st Jan 2021?

IE company (formerly a distributor or downstream user) will become an **importer**

Importers have responsibilities under the CLP Regulation (No. 1272/2008):

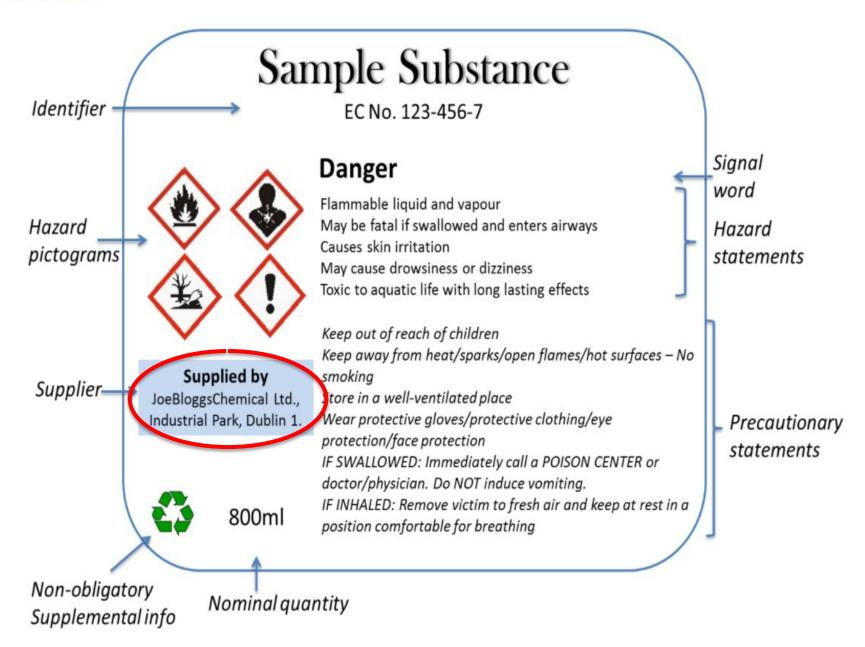
- classify chemicals correctly according to CLP criteria/rules*
- assign the correct EU hazard labelling*
- ensure compliance with specific packaging requirements

*UK will implement GB CLP adopting the UN GHS system. Classification and labelling may differ





Hazard Label



Notification to ECHA

 Importers must notify info to European Chemicals Agency's classification & labelling inventory (Art 40 CLP)

Notify details of:

- substances subject to registration
- substances classified as hazardous <u>regardless of quantity</u>
- substances in mixtures resulting in classification of mixture

Notification must occur within one month of placing on EU

market

How to: https://echa.europa.eu/sūpport/dossier-submission-tools/reach-it/notification-to-the-cl-inventory



Poison Centre Notification

- All hazardous mixtures classified for physical or health hazards placed on IE market must be notified to National Poison Information Centre (NPIC) at Beaumont Hospital (Art 45 CLP)
- <u>Currently</u> importers and downstream users (formulators) must submit information to NPIC <u>before</u> adding NPIC number to section 1.4 of SDS
- Submission of information is moving to a harmonised system managed by ECHA from January 2021. Notifications for products placed on IE market will be submitted via a Poison Centre Notification (PCN) portal managed by ECHA
- More info: https://www.poisons.ie/Manufacturers/Product-Registration & https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/

AUTHORITY

Safety data sheets

- Required and regulated under <u>REACH Regulation</u>
- Art 31 of REACH sets out when a SDS is required
- Annex II of REACH specifies detail required
- Importers responsible for content/accuracy & provision
- EU supplier details in section 1.3
- Label and section 2 details must match
- Irish OELs must be listed as relevant in section 8
- Extended SDSs must be compiled & passed on as required



REACH restrictions

Article 67

General provisions

1. A substance on its own, in a mixture or in an article, for which Annex XVII contains a restriction shall not be manufactured, placed on the market or used unless it complies with the conditions of that restriction. This shall not apply to the manufacture, placing on the market or use of a substance in scientific research and development. Annex XVII shall specify if the restriction shall not apply to product and process orientated research and development, as well as the maximum quantity exempted.

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Importers have responsibilities to check for substances restricted under **REACH**



Restricted substances

- Substances of unacceptable risk to human health and the environment restricted listed in Annex XVII of REACH
- Restricted substance cannot be manufactured, used or placed on the market unless it complies with conditions of restriction (use/placing on market limited or banned)
- 74 currently on Annex XVII

Importers are responsible for ensuring that:

- substances imported into EU comply with restrictions
- imported mixtures do not contain banned substances/ comply with restriction
- Imported articles, e.g. jewellery, do not contain restricted substances/comply with restriction

Restricted substance

ANNEX XVII TO REACH - Conditions of restriction

Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles

Entry 6

Asbestos fibres

(a) Crocidolite

CAS No 12001-28-4

(b) Amosite

CAS No 12172-73-5

(c) Anthophyllite

CAS No 77536-67-5

(d) Actinolite

CAS No 77536-66-4

(e) Tremolite

CAS No 77536-68-6

(f) Chrysotile

CAS No 12001-29-5

CAS No 132207-32-0

Conditions of restriction

1. The manufacture, placing on the market and use of mese fibres and of articles and mixtures containing these fibres added intentionally is prohibited.

However, if the use of diaphragms containing chrysotile for electrolysis installations in use on 13 July 2016 had been exempted by a Member State in accordance with the version of this paragraph in force until that date, the first subparagraph shall not apply until 1 July 2025 to the use in those installations of such diaphragms or of chrysotile used exclusively in the

Restricted substance

https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restrictedunder-reach

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Entry 69

Methanol

CAS No 67-56-1

EC No 200-659-6

Conditions of restriction

Shall not be placed on the market to the general public after 9 May 2019 in windscreen washing or defrosting fluids, in a concentration equal to or greater than 0,6 % by weight



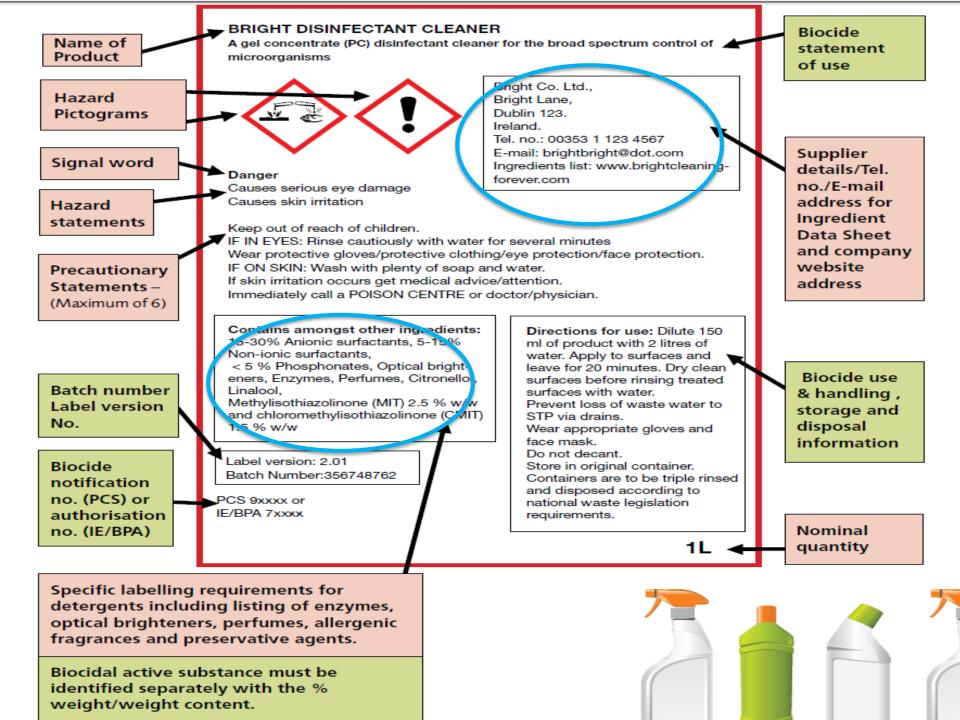
Detergents

• Irish companies who source **detergent** products directly from GB from 1st Jan 2021 will become detergent manufacturers (importers) & must take full responsibility for compliance of products

Importers (called "manufacturers" under <u>Detergents</u> Regulation) must ensure that before placing on IE market:

- ✓ detergent products are labelled & packaged correctly
- ✓ an Ingredient data sheet is prepared* (must provide on request from NPIC)
- ✓ a list of ingredients is made available on website*

*For industrial detergents which are **not** made available to the general public, the above-mentioned requirements do not have to be fulfilled if equivalent information is provided by means of technical data sheets, SDSs, or similar



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https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit files/info site/detergents en.pdf



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NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND EU RULES IN THE FIELD OF DETERGENTS

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During the transition period, the EU and the United Kingdom will negotiate an agreement on a new partnership, providing notably for a free trade area. However, it is not certain whether such an agreement will be concluded and will enter into force at the



Export/Import Regulation (PIC)

- Exporters of banned or severely restricted chemicals* to non-EU countries have duties under the Prior Informed Consent (<u>PIC) Regulation</u> concerning export and import of very hazardous chemicals
- Allows countries to monitor & control export and import of these chemicals including ability to refuse export/import or to place certain conditions on import
- From 1st Jan 2021, IE **exporters** of chemicals listed in Annexes to PIC to GB will have obligations including notification & reporting requirements

^{*}Active substances in pesticides or biocidal products & industrial chemicals



Export Notification

- All chemicals listed in Annex I (Parts 1, 2 & 3) of PIC require export notification
- Exporters must notify intent to export to non-EU country to designated national authority (DNA) via ePIC 35 days before 1st yearly export
- Exports to GB will require export notification
- ECHA scheduled to make UK available as an importing country in ePIC by early November 2020
- Explicit consent from importing country may be required for Part 2 and 3 chemicals in addition to export notification



Exporter duties under PIC

- Chemicals to be exported must be labelled & packaged according to CLP
- Export details of chemicals on Annex I from IE to GB must be reported annually to Health and Safety Authority (for industrial chemicals) and to Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (for pesticides/biocides)
- Report actual quantities of PIC chemicals exported during previous calendar year by 31 March
- ECHA Webinar "Know your obligations..."



Importer duties under PIC

- Import details of chemicals from GB to IE must be reported annually to Health and Safety Authority (for industrial chemicals) and to the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (for pesticides)
- Report actual quantities of PIC chemicals imported during previous calendar year by 31 March





Readiness Notice

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit files/info
site/prior-informed-consent en.pdf



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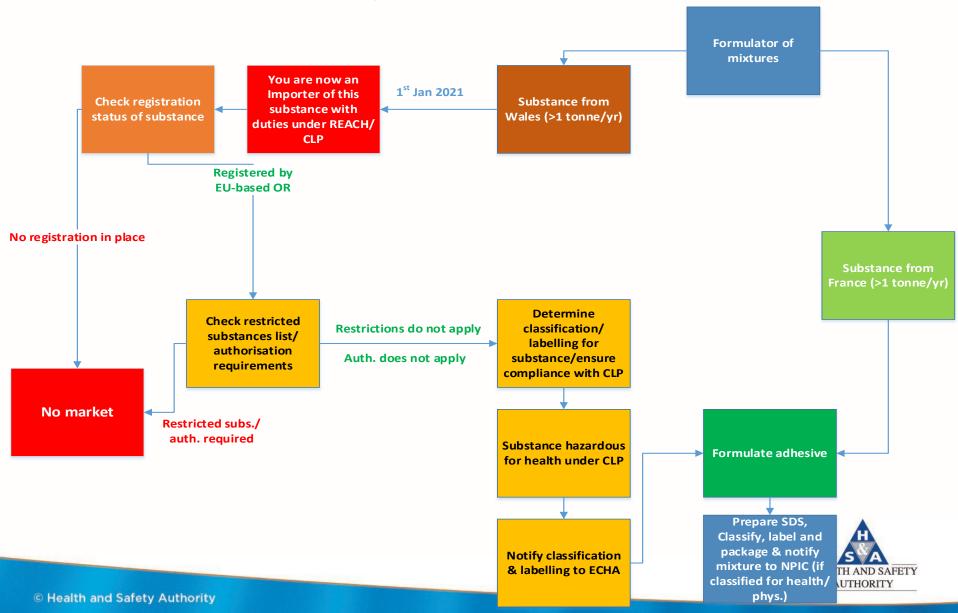


Example scenarios

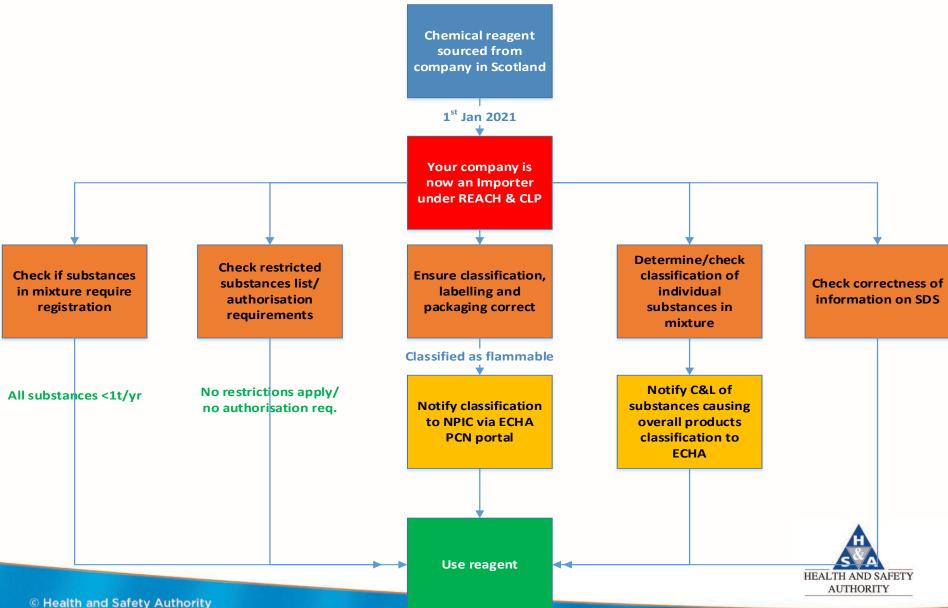
The following slides outline certain duties under REACH, CLP and Detergents Regulations for different actors in the supply chain from 1st January 2021 after the withdrawal of the UK from the EU



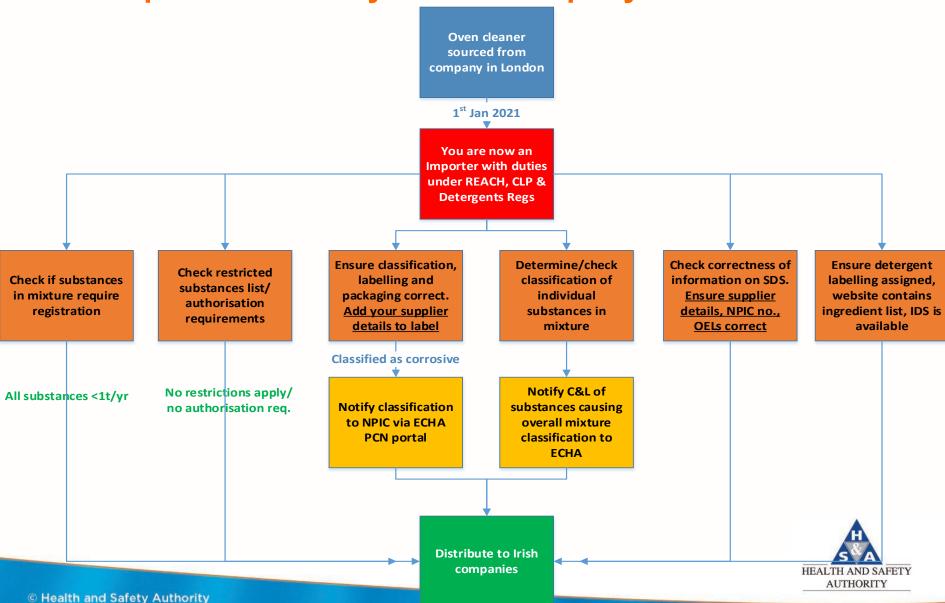
We formulate an adhesive using a substance sourced from a company in Wales & one from France



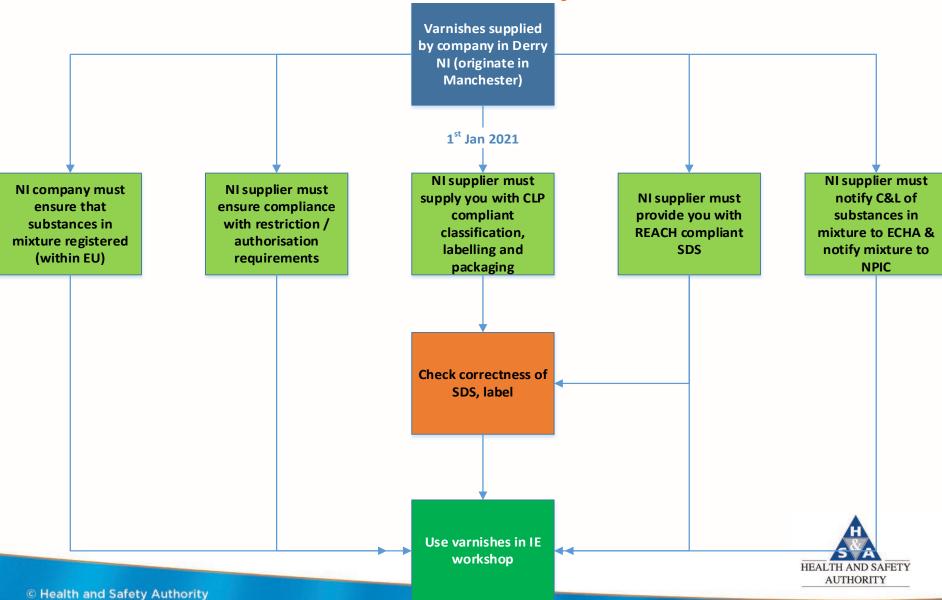
My company is an end user of a reagent which we buy in from a distributor based in Scotland



We distribute oven cleaner to IE companies & buy the product directly from a company in London



We buy varnishes from a company in Derry for use in our workshop



Take away

Sourcing chemicals from GB from 1st Jan 2021?

You are now the **importer & the EU responsible person** ensuring that:

- ✓ the classification, labelling and packaging is correct
- ✓ you've notified hazardous substances to ECHA
- ✓ details are supplied to NPIC via ECHA
- ✓ SDS is correct & compliant
- ✓ your supplier details are on the label/package & SDS
- ✓ substances are registered
- ✓ that restrictions, if applicable, are complied with
- ✓ substances subject to authorisation are covered by a decision
- ✓ you report on import of chemicals under PIC annually (if relevant)

If you export PIC chemicals to GB from 1st Jan 2021:

- ✓ complete an export notification at least 35 days prior to export
- ✓ check if explicit consent required
- ✓ report on annual exports



Support

- HSA chemicals helpdesk: <u>chemicals@hsa.ie</u>
- HSA webpages <u>www.hsa.ie/brexit</u>
- ECHA webpages on UK withdrawal https://www.echa.europa.eu/support/qassupport/browse/-/qa/70Qx/view/topic/theukswithdrawalfromtheeu
- ECHA: https://echa.europa.eu/support/getting-started/importer
- European Commission Notices on REACH, Detergents & PIC
- IE Government Departments and Agencies



Thank you

