IUCLID 6

Webinar IUCLID 6 – Questions and Answers

IUCLID 6.6.14.3

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1. INTRODUCTION

This IUCLID 6 webinar for the April release took place on the 12th of May 2022. It was intended for users of IUCLID 6.

More information from the release can be found on the [IUCLID website](#).

The presentations were followed by a question-and-answer session. The content of this session is reported in this document.

Please also have a look at the latest update of the Frequently Asked Questions page on the IUCLID 6 website: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/faq.

2. CLASSIC INTERFACE

Q1: I want to import the users from our old installation to the new IUCLID installation. As far as I can see I need the classic interface to manage this. How do I get access to the classic interface?

A1: In the April release of IUCLID (v6.14.3), the classic interface is still available to use for importing users. You should follow the same instructions as previously, which is provided on this IUCLID webpage: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/en/learn-to-use-the-new-interface. Note that the Export / Import of users is not an available feature anymore. Instead, since the April 2022 release, we support Single Sign On (SSO) in order to manage many users in IUCLID. Please note as well that if you migrate your existing installation to a newer version of IUCLID, you can use the IUCLID Updater and your users and roles will be kept.

Q2: Plans to discontinue the "classic interface": Does this mean discontinuing the use of IUCLID desktop software or does it refer to something else? (Context: I am NOT from the chemicals industry. Only interaction with ECHA submissions is SCIP, so examples from BPR, CLP etc will not mean much to me.)

A2: The IUCLID desktop software will not be discontinued. ECHA only plans to discontinue the classic interface, which has been the traditional mean for users to access the IUCLID database. Users will always be able to work with IUCLID via the web interface.

Q3: Does the new version still have a link to the classic interface or is just the web interface.

A3: The classic interface is still available with the April 2022 release of IUCLID. However, as is touched on in the webinar, we plan to remove the classic interface with the October 2022 release of IUCLID.

Q4: Will you be discontinuing support for the 'classic' interface soon? Will all the functionalities missing on the web-UI will be implemented by then?

A4: Although it is still available, we do not support the classic interface anymore. If an issue is found with this interface, we report it to the users, but we do not fix it as the web interface can be used. The classic interface should stop to be available after the October 2022 release. We are currently maintaining the classic user interface only to give users more time to get familiar with the new interface. Please contact the Helpdesk if you identify issues that should be improved in the web UI.

3. SSO AND USER MANAGEMENT

Q5: Question with respect to SSO functionality. Depending on the task to do, myself and some other administrators need to login as user or as SuperUser. To what access will SSO direct me, and how can I switch between the two?

A5: There is no convenient way to switch the login mechanism of the IUCLID web application between SSO and non-SSO. If you prefer having a secondary user for administrative purposes, we recommend that you create a new account in your existing identity provider for this. Selected SSO users can be given any of the roles, LE, and group rights that the SuperUser has, e.g., System Administrator

Q6: Dear ECHA-Team, are you aware that since version 6.8.0 the default security policy cannot be changed (classic interface, logged in as SuperUser) and users assigned "Full access" lost access to the menus "Users" and "Admin"? This error has not been solved in version 6.6.14.3

A6: As the classic interface is being phased-out, the user password and log-in policy is now maintained in a configuration file that can be modified by the administrator of the IUCLID installation. You will find more details in the installation manual:
https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/documents/1387205/1506740/installation_manual_server_en.pdf

4. POSTGRESQL SUPPORT

Q7: We have struggled in the past with security concerns for Java and PostgreSQL with our IT team. While these may or may not be real is there some assurance from the provider and ECHA rather could be used? We struggled with the separate installation of PostgreSQL with IUCLID 5 for his reason.

A7: Java is being used only locally by the IUCLID application. With the switch to the web interface, Java does not need to be installed on the client's computers anymore which cancels any security concerns on this level. Security audits are performed on the IUCLID application regularly. For the type of databases used, users now have the choice between Derby, PostgreSQL and Oracle which are widely used systems. The latest version of the installation manual for IUCLID Server contains a new section on how to set up PostgreSQL with IUCLID. The address is:
https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/documents/1387205/1506740/installation_manual_server_en.pdf

If you feel that more information is required, you are welcome to create a helpdesk ticket requesting it.

Q8: Dear ECHA Team, Q1. We have always appreciated technical developments and enhancements to the tool. We are in version IUCLID 6 (4.2.1) looking to update soon, our environment is on premises on ORACLE, has ECHA created an ORACLE -->(to)--> PostgreSQL tool to migrate the actual DB?

A8: With this April release of IUCLID, PostgreSQL is now supported, and we provide a Data Transfer tool that supports moving to a PostgreSQL database. You can find more information about the tool from the IUCLID Downloads page: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/en/download.

Q9: Dear ECHA Team, Q2. Will ECHA or IUCLID team start supporting and troubleshooting any PostgreSQL issues from now on? It is what you refer to on the latest IUCLID 25-04-2022 News update?

A9: With the April 2022 release, PostgreSQL is now supported as a database to use with IUCLID. Please note that we do not support PostgreSQL itself, but only when used with IUCLID. We have updated our system requirements, accordingly, see here for more details:
https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/system-requirements

5. INSTALLATION AND MIGRATION

Q10: Dear ECHA Team; Is this version available only in the website? Is this update available on the old "desktop-version?

A10: IUCLID is available as a downloadable package from the IUCLID website and is also available via ECHA Cloud Services (as a Cloud instance of IUCLID). If you choose to download IUCLID, you can install IUCLID as a desktop or server installation. More details can be found on the IUCLID downloads page: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/en/download

Q11: I installed IUCLID 6 in my new computer a few days before 26 April. Does it automatically update to the new version released on 26 April, or do I need to update it myself?

A11: If you have an installation of IUCLID on your computer, then you need to download the updater from the IUCLID website (https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/download) and update your version locally. If you subscribed to an instance of IUCLID in the Cloud, the update is automatically done (https://echa.europa.eu/support/dossier-submission-tools/echa-cloud-services).

Q12: My installed version of IUCLID6 is 6.6.2.0 dated 27-OCT-2021 thus I have not yet upgraded to 6.6.8.0 dated 07-FEB-2022. The newest announced version is 6.6.14.3 dated 26-APR-2022. Can I upgrade immediately from 6.6.2.0 to 6.6.14.3?

A12: Yes, you can update directly to the latest IUCLID version, there is no need to install each version in sequence. The updater for the latest IUCLID version will update your current IUCLID version to the latest one.

Q13: How can we do the migration (backup and restore) of old data generated in previous versions of IUCLID using nothing but the native database of IUCLID 6?

A13: Here is some general guidance. You can get detailed help via the IUCLID helpdesk.

If you are referring to use of the tool iuclid6-backup-restore.exe, then bear in mind that it must be run from within an instance of IUCLID 6 Desktop; which goes against your requirement of "using nothing but the native database of IUCLID 6". The tool can be used to restore a IUCLID database from a database archive file (i6b) into an instance of IUCLID 6 Desktop of the same version.

Alternatively, if you have a IUCLID 6 database from a previous version of IUCLID, it can be updated to the latest version using a standalone tool called the IUCLID 6 Migrator, and then connected to a fresh instance of the latest IUCLID. This works with databases from both IUCLID 6 Desktop and IUCLID 6 Server. It works with all the previously supported types of databases, for example Oracle and Derby Network Server.

6. IMPORT

Q14: An Error occurs for one file when I try to import it from Chemeter to IUCLID, it says in the LOG: "Import process failed" "Invalid import file xxxxxx_PoisonCentresNotification.i6z: EAT004". Can You please help me with this?

A14: Thank you for your question. There might be many reasons why a IUCLID file created by another tool cannot be imported in IUCLID. To investigate, please contact the ECHA Helpdesk (https://echa.europa.eu/contact) and provide the information available in the IUCLID logs. More information about the IUCLID log files can be found here: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/faq?#q39

Q15: Dear ECHA team, when comparing two datasets before importing, it is necessary to know if the documents are new / exists and identical/ exists but modified, as we had in the desktop version. Is it planned to implement this feature in the web UI?

A15: We do plan to implement a feature that will check a specific entity (like a substance or a mixture) against existing entities and documents inside a database. To implement this, we are currently getting feedback on an idea to export and import datasets as dossiers and then to transform selected dossiers into editable datasets, as this type of check will be more efficient and feasible if all relevant data is already available in the same database. This should allow users to first preview the imported data and allow a comparison against existing information in the database before deciding to update or not, the information.

Q16: Thanks a lot for the improvement of the advanced import features in the Web UI. Could you please also make the import log file available (as in classic IUCLID)? The information in the import log file is a good source of information to check if the import was successful or when errors occurred.

A16: Further improvements to the advanced import are planned. We will make a note of your request for specific logging of the import. In the meantime, you can check the logs found under: <iuclid installation folder>\glassfish4\glassfish\domains\domain1\logs\iuclid6

Q17: With the advanced import tool, is there an option to include the newly imported dataset with a different UUID as the original file?

A17: When importing a dataset there is no possibility to change the entities unique identifiers: what is available in the imported file is loaded in the database as is. However, after the import you can clone the dataset to make a copy with different unique identifiers, if needed.

7. WEB INTERFACE & FUNCTIONALITIES

Q18: Dear ECHA team, is there a possibility to clone entities (clone entities and get different UUIDs) when cloning a dataset? It is useful to obtain a cloned dataset with different UUID, but since all the entities are linked there are problems with modification of entities affecting different datasets.

A18: It is possible to clone each entity separately but, indeed, when cloning a substance or a mixture, the linked entities are not cloned. The aim of the entities like the reference substance or the legal entity is to allow reusability of the same information across datasets. If a completely different dataset needs to be created, including all linked entities, then maybe the cloning approach is not recommended.

Q19: Hello! I have a question about an error that occurred in ECHA Submission Portal, when I tried to submit a dossier. An error is: "Light dossiers submissions not working at the moment". Please explain what it means exactly and when it will be fixed. Thanks!

A19: Yes, an issue was identified when submitting 'light dossiers' for pesticides to EFSA via the ECHA submission portal. The light dossier concept is explained in the IUCLID manual (section 18.2.4):

https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/documents/1387205/1809908/iuclid_functionalities_html_en.pdf

There is currently a warning on the ECHA portal about this issue and it will be fixed really soon.

Q20: I just heard that you could compare mixtures to find the differences between two dossiers. can that tool also be used to compare the lead dossier with my dossier on the same substance to find where I need to add or change items? regarding update of existing registration.

A20: Yes, you can compare two dossiers created based on the same substance. The comparison tool works in the same way for mixtures and substances.

Q21: Upon opening the dossier, there doesn't seem to be an option available to edit the dossier. We can only view the contents and not make any changes.

A21: If you prepare a dossier update using the same IUCLID installation, usually the original (editable) dataset should be available. Make sure you select Datasets (and not Dossiers) when looking at your list of entities. When looking at a dossier, you should also see the link to the corresponding dataset on the top right corner of the dossier page, if available. In case the original dataset does not exist anymore in your database, you can use the option to export the dossier as a dataset and then reimport the dataset in your IUCLID instance. You can then continue to update the information and create new dossiers.

Q22: We absolutely need to have the possibility to compact the pages of the DNELs and PNECs, as it was before. We should have the list of DNELs/PNECs on the left with the possibility to open it once at a time. In this way you know exactly what you're preparing/reviewing.

A22: In this version of IUCLID we have improved the display of long records by displaying several fields on the same line when relevant. This improves a bit the readability of the PNEC and DNEL documents for example. In the next version of IUCLID we will introduce the possibility to navigate to the main headers of a document. For example, for the DNEL document, the user will have the possibility to jump directly to the section about 'Workers - Hazard for the eyes'.

Q23: Creation of a dossier and validation operations take still a lot of time to be computed by IUCLID. Sometimes also several minutes before any of those gives a result. Is this something you plan to improve in the next update?

A23: The performance of IUCLID is under constant checking. We understand how important it is for our users. If you are using your own installation of IUCLID, as opposed to that in the ECHA Cloud Services, you may be able improve the speed by adding more IT resources to your instance. For example, see FAQ 48 on the IUCLID website.

Q24: Dear ECHA Team - does the new validation assistant include the changes introduced by COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/979 of 17 June 2021 amending Annexes VII to XI to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006? Kind regards

A24: Thank you for your question. The June 2021 and March 2022 REACH annexes amendments are going to be considered in revised guidance documents to be published by ECHA. The IUCLID format already allows today the relevant information to be captured. However, small adaptations of IUCLID, including its validation assistant, are planned to be made in April 2023. Here is a link to the latest news from ECHA on this topic: https://echa.europa.eu/-/upcoming-changes-to-reach-information-requirements-1

Q25: A record for an endpoint can be very long. During review/update, a lot of time is lost in finding what you're looking for. It would be helpful to have on top the table of content (data source, materials and methods, etc.) as in the public database

A25: In the next version of IUCLID we will introduce the possibility to navigate to the main headers of a document, e.g., data source, results and discussion, as you suggested. We unfortunately could not include this improvement in the April 2022 release.

8. SCIP & PCN

Q26: Can you explain in detail which changes in mixture composition are allowed w/o requiring a new UFI? Feature announced: Additional update reasons, such as 'cease product from the market' and 'change in mixture composition without requiring a new UFI'.

A26: In this session we answer question related to the features of IUCLID, not the use of IUCLID in a specific context such as PCN in this case. We have a specific webinar on PCN scheduled soon.

Q27: Dear ECHA Team, is the document called "PCN: a practical guide" available in French?

A27: The PCN Practical Guide is available in other languages, including French. they are available on this page: https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/prepare-and-submit-a-pcn

Here is the direct link to the French version: https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/documents/1789887/1803644/pcn_practical_guide_fr.pdf

Q28: Dear ECHA Team. Do the tools in IUCLID Cloud allow more MIM in my final mixture? An error occurred during validation which makes registration impossible. There are more MIMs in my composition.

A28: IUCLID permits more than one Mixture in Mixture (MiM) to be added as a component. If you go to the Validation report, you should see a validation message guiding you on how to correct the validation rule failure. If you have further questions about the validation rules, please contact the ECHA helpdesk: https://echa.europa.eu/contact

Q29: Dear ECHA Team. Is there a tool in IUCLID Cloud to add a reference substance without CAS and EC number or only with unique EC number entered as a component of a mixture? Is it possible and where should I enter the unique EC number or the alternative name of the substance for the system to accept it?

A29: There is a very clear Practical Guide available, which in section '5.3.2 Creating and linking a Reference substance' provides details on adding identifiers. This guide is available in different languages here: https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/prepare-and-submit-a-pcn

Q30: Hello, re updating the dossiers online, we're unable to find step 1 itself i.e. "Are you using IUCLID 6? 1. Update the information included in your dataset. The primary article identifier (type and value) in the dataset and in the dossier needs to remain the same."

A30: Depending on the recipient and the type of information submitted, different checks are performed on your dossier. For an update, some information is expected to remain the same.

Q31: Is it possible to update already published SCIP dossiers online? If yes, then what is the process?

A31: You can update and submit your SCIP dossier at any time. Here is ECHA's guidance on updating your SCIP dossiers: https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/32724856/SCIP_updates_May_21.pdf/3f324efb-8263-ee7b-07d3-3a83ede0a8a6

Q32: Which changes in IUCLID 6 (last release) will affect the SCIP part and how?

A32: We have introduced new and improved features in IUCLID. They do not affect the SCIP notification and submission process, but they are overall improvements for IUCLID. You can find detailed information in the release notes: https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/documents/1387205/1809509/IUCLID_6_Release_Notes.pdf

9. CLOUD SERVICES

Q33: Dear ECHA team, we have been using the IUCLID cloud services only and not the desktop version. How does this new version impact us? Can we continue to safely publish our dossiers via cloud only?

A33: IUCLID Cloud instances are automatically updated to the latest version when a new version of IUCLID is available. This update occurs without you needing to do anything. You can view the version of IUCLID you are using in the Cloud by going to the main dashboard menu and selecting 'About'. The latest version (6.14.3) is fully compatible with version 6.6.2 of IUCLID, which was released in October 2021.

Q34: Hello ECHA team, we continue to post our dossiers using IUCLID cloud and not the desktop version. Do the new updates automatically get available to us when using the online version?

A34: Yes, when you use the ECHA Cloud Services, your IUCLID instance is always updated automatically to the latest version.

Q35: If we were to move from being on premises to your IUCLID Cloud-Service, who do I need to talk or engage with to start the whole process?

A35: You will need to adhere to the terms and conditions for the ECHA Cloud Services when using the service. You can find more information from the ECHA Cloud services webpage: https://echa.europa.eu/support/dossier-submission-tools/echa-cloud-services. Please note, there is no support for moving existing IUCLID databases to the IUCLID Cloud.

10. INTERNATIONAL

Q36: Dear ECHA team. Since IUCLID is being widely used outside the EU, e.g., Australia, UK etc. do these non-EU organisations immediately accept dossiers in 6.6.14.3 format?

A36: You will need to consult the respective organisations in these countries to find out what version they are using, and you should submit in. Please note that 6.14.3 does not come with new format changes. The last format change was in October 2021 (6.2.0).

11. MISCELLANEOUS

Q37: Hello, will there be a video in the ECHA-channel after the webinar and when can it be found on the ECHA channel? Thank you.

A37: Yes, the video will be accessible from ECHA's YouTube channel. The link will be published on this webinar page: https://echa.europa.eu/-/iuclid-6-april-2022-release

Q38: Hi, is there any possibility to join the webinar in German language?

A38: The IUCLID webinar will only be published in the English language. At this time, we are not considering adding subtitles in other languages.

Q39: Are there any plans to (a) amend IUCLID to include the changes brought about by COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/525 of 19 October 2020 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 and (b) have a BPR microbiological product working context (as there is for PPP)?

A39: IUCLID current release (April 2022) includes mentioned changes in all the working contexts (substances and products), except BPR Technical Equivalence. This last working context will be updated in an additional IUCLID release in Summer 2022.

Regarding the BPR microbiological product working context, currently there is no plan to create a separate working context, but if there is a requirement, we will analyse it. Since amendments related to microbial product were part of the Regulation mentioned above, the Annex 4 to "BSM: How to prepare a biocides dossier" has been updated in April 2022.

Q40: With the change to the IUCLID release schedule, does this mean the next format changes for PCN, REACH, SCIP etc will be in April 2023?

A40: Yes, the next format update, for all IUCLID users, will happen in April 2023. After that, format updates will happen every year, in April.