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Information requirements for poison centres notifications

Companies placing hazardous mixtures on the market have to submit information about these mixtures to specific bodies appointed by Member States. Poison centres use this information to give medical advice in the case of an emergency.

The notification requirement applies from 1 January 2021. It is based on the Annex VIII to the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation.

WHO NEEDS TO MAKE A NOTIFICATION?

Notifications need to be submitted by importers and downstream users placing mixtures classified for human health or physical hazards on the market. The obligation covers mixtures for consumer, professional and industrial use.

WHAT FORMAT MUST BE USED?

Companies must provide the required information using the harmonised **Poison Centres Notification (PCN) format**. The format is XML-based and compatible with IUCLID.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

The same set of information will be required by all Member States where the mixture is placed on the market.

Contact details – Name, full address, telephone number and email address of the importer or downstream user submitting the notification.

Trade name or names of the mixture – Where relevant, also brand names and variant names as they appear on the label.

Packaging type and size – The packaging used to place the mixture on the market for consumer or professional use. The container type may be a 'bottle', a 'box' or an 'aerosol can', for example. The size has to be given as the nominal volume or weight of the packaging.

Product category – The category according to the harmonised **European product categorisation system (EuPCS)**. The selected category must match the main intended use of the product – which could be 'fertiliser', 'laundry detergent' or 'air care product', for example.

Unique formula identifier (UFI) – The code generated by means of the UFI Generator, for example J200-U0CW-500A-Q2DA, has to be marked on the product label or packaging and included in the notification.

Hazard information – The human health and physical hazard classifications of the mixture.

The following **label elements** also need to be provided:

- hazard pictograms
- signal word
- hazard statements
- supplemental hazard information
- precautionary statements.

Toxicological information – Covers the likely ways in which a person might be exposed to the mixture, such as inhalation, ingestion, contact with the skin or eyes. It covers the long- and short-term effects and symptoms from exposure. The information on the toxicological effects of the mixture is the same as that required for Section 11 of the safety data sheet.

Information on physico-chemical properties – The physical state, colour and pH value of the mixture, for example.

Full mixture composition information – Covers all components, their concentrations in the mixture and classification. Components may be substances or mixtures in mixtures (MiMs). Specific rules apply regarding the way they are identified and how their concentrations are reported.

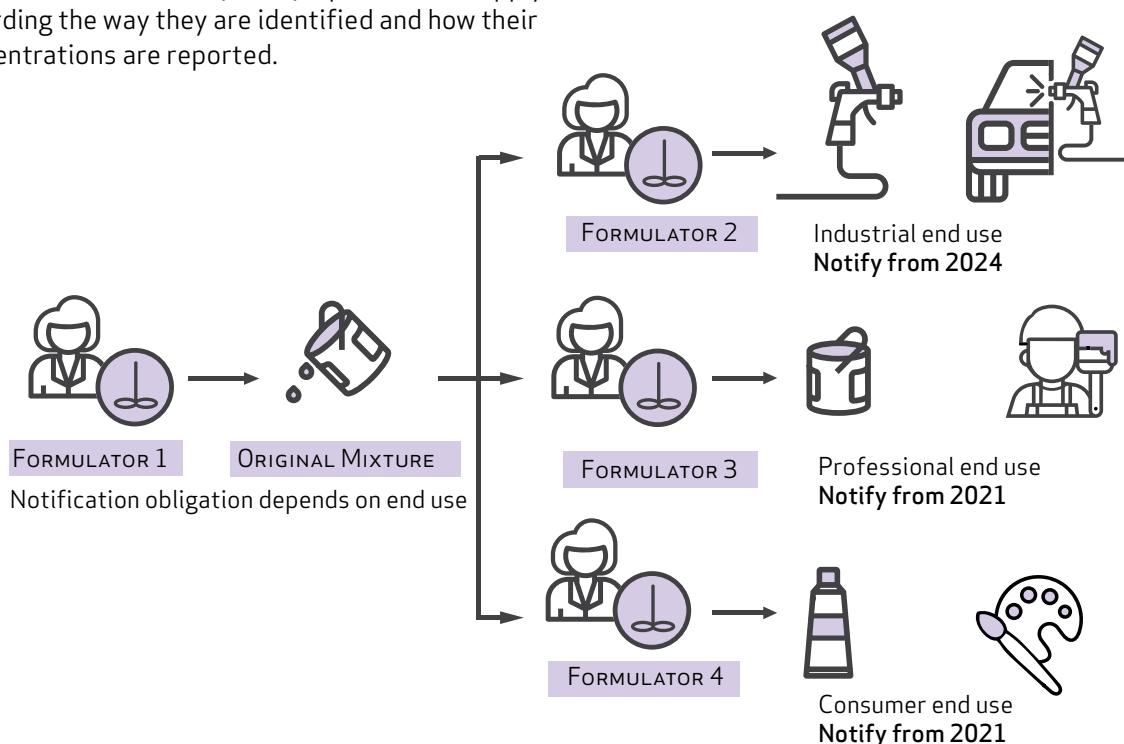
WHEN DOES THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION START TO APPLY?

The date from which the obligation starts to apply depends on the end use of the mixture.

- Mixtures for consumer or professional use: **1 January 2021**.
- Mixtures for industrial use: **1 January 2024**.

If a mixture has more than one of the above uses – whether through direct use or through its presence in a product manufactured further down the supply chain – **the earliest date** applies. Before the relevant applicability date, the mixture continues to be subject to existing national information requirements.

Mixtures already notified under national legislation remain valid until **1 January 2025**. If there is a change to the mixture before this date, companies may need to make a notification based on the new information requirements according to Annex VIII.



Mixtures for use at industrial sites only – An option for a limited submission allows to provide reduced mixture composition information as found in the safety data sheet, if a telephone number ensures **rapid access to the full mixture information**. This number must be accessible to poison centres 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more guidance, support material and tools, visit ECHA's Poison Centres website:

» <https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/>