THIS WEEK IN HELPDESK

UUID numbers

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This is what companies have been asking the Poison Centre Team this week about UUID numbers.

What is a legal entity UUID?

Firstly, a universally unique identifier (UUID) is a number used to identify data and information in computer systems. In order to use ECHA IT applications, a UUID is generated and assigned to each *Legal Entity* in ECHA Accounts. The legal entity UUID acts as an unequivocal identifier and each legal entity must be represented by a single UUID.

Where is the legal entity UUID in my notification?

The legal entity UUID is contained in a legal entity 'document'. It represents the legal submitter and linked to the IUCLID section 'Mixture identity and legal submitter'. The submission in the Portal must be made by the same legal entity UUID contained in this section.

What is the logic of UUID numbers in IUCLID?

In order to ensure the correct relationship between the various documents contained in a IUCLID dossier, a UUID is associated to each document (e.g. Legal entity, Substance, Reference substance etc.). Additionally, the dossier is identified with a UUID. Note that IUCLID, by default, keeps the UUID the same if, for example, the Substance, Reference Substance document is "the same" in different dossiers.

What about the PCN number?

The PCN number, also a UUID, is required for each initial submission and has to be retained across updates by industry. In case of a significant change of composition, a new PCN number must be generated to identify the new series of submissions - the previous PCN number is retained in the submission as the 'Related PCN number'. The PCN number can be created in IUCLID by clicking the arrow on top of the 'PCN number' field, but it can be also created by using freely available UUID generators.

Are the UUID numbers in a notification checked?

Only the legal entity UUID (linked at the mixture level) and the PCN number (and related PCN number) are validated in ECHA Submission portal. Apart from these, everything else is ignored by the system. If you are failing the validation rule BR570 due to a mismatch of legal entities, you can read more about it in the PCN Practical Guide: https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/documents/22284544/22295820/pcn_practical_guide_en.pdf/4f01baa5-40f1-3103-66e7-25e9584b738e