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ECHA PUBLISHES CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING GUIDANCE

Introductory Guidance on the CLP Regulation and Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria have been published on the ECHA website. They provide a comprehensive guidance to companies having obligations to meet under this legislation which entered into force on 20 January 2009.

The guidance documents have been developed by the European Commission to support companies manufacturing or supplying chemicals, in particular SMEs, to comply with their obligations under the CLP Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures). This new legislation which entered into force on 20 January 2009 will progressively replace the former EU classification and labelling legislation.

The *introductory guidance* presents basic features of the CLP Regulation. This includes information on the CLP notification deadline of 3 January 2011. It also provides information in relation to the classification-based provisions of the REACH Regulation.

The *guidance on the application of the CLP criteria* explains the general principles of classification and labelling and provides detailed guidance on how to classify and label substances and mixtures (physical, health and environmental hazards).

Further Information

[Introductory Guidance on the CLP Regulation](#)

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