



REACH Annex II SDS Changes

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Presenter biography

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Presentation abstract

The European Union is amending Annex II of the REACH Regulation on Requirements for the Compilation of Safety Data Sheets to introduce recent revisions in the United Nations guidance on harmonized Safety Data Sheet content and to adapt the requirements to progress. Attendees will learn:

- An overview of changes required in the EU SDS form and content;
- Implications of new REACH nanoform data requirements for the SDS;
- Extensive changes to data communication in section 9 on physical-chemical properties;
- How ECHA is redefining the term “UN Proper Shipping Name”;
- Emerging hazard communication concerns, especially for endocrine disruptors and “PMT” and “vPvM” classification for substances that are mobile in groundwater and persistent/toxic.

The amendment is expected to be published in April 2020, with a short transition deadline – new SDSs will have to adopt the changes by 1 January 2021 according to recent communications from the authorities (by derogation, existing SDSs can continue to be supplied for two years).