

# Sector use maps: what to do as a downstream user

Webinar: Getting meaningful  
exposure scenarios: how sector  
use maps help

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## Extended safety data sheet: experience so far

- Too long
- Safe use advice too generic or unrealistic
- Lack of format harmonisation, table of contents missing, titles difficult to link to on-site activities
- Safe use information missing for mixtures
- Unclear relationship between information and requirements under occupational safety and health or environmental legislation
- Missing clear and efficient way of making uses known to suppliers

**Extended safety data sheet perceived as difficult to use/process**

## Consequences for business

- Uncertainty on whether your use is covered, or whether action is required
- Difficulty to show regulatory compliance
- Downstream user customers complain about wrong or unhelpful safety data sheets
- Ineffective and inefficient communication with suppliers and customers

**Waste of resources, but efficiency improvements possible**

# Two ways of contributing

## 1. Communicating uses to registrants



## 2. Receiving information

## Communicating uses to registrants



- Check the status of your sector in the development of use maps
- Encourage and support your sector organisation in developing use maps and including your uses if not yet done
- Make an inventory of your uses

## Communicating uses to registrants



- If you have uses that are not covered by sector organisations, ask them to be included
- Use and encourage the use of [harmonised templates](#)

**Cooperate with your sector organisation**

**One-to-one communication with registrants = less efficient**

## Receiving information

- Read, check and use received extended safety data sheets
- If your use is not covered or is unclear:
  - Check it is included in a sector use map (ask sector organisation to update)
  - Encourage sector organisation to promote their use map to registrants
  - Ask your supplier to refer to the use map and update the information they send



**Use maps bring clear and relevant information -  
use them and encourage their use**

## Cooperate with sector organisation



Reetta Puska, Yara

I advise downstream users to join forces and start creating sector use maps. We will get better exposure scenarios and avoid lots of correspondence with our suppliers if we receive everything in a good condition from the beginning.

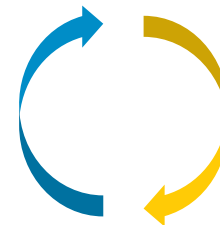


## Are critical substances registered?

Ahead of 2018 registration, downstream users have until 31 May 2017 to make their uses known to registrants

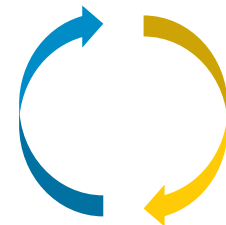
- Identify substances that are critical to your business and how you use them
- Make sure your uses are covered by a sector use map and encourage the sector to promote their use map to registrants
- If not possible, engage in dialogue with your supplier and ensure your use is included in the registration

**See ECHA website for more advice**



## Advice for DU associations

- Use agreed [templates](#) and naming conventions
- Organise a way to prepare use maps e.g. creating a task force with representative companies, collecting information from members, etc.
- Consider involving registrants of different substances supplied to your sector in the development. As the main users of the use maps, they can give valuable input



## Advice for DU associations

- Reflect good practice established in the sector
- Use short, intuitive phrases to describe activities
- Include standard phrases for communication
- Generate use map files in Chesar importable format
- Let downstream users and registrants know about your use maps (even if they are under preparation) so that they can use them in new registrations and updates
- Submit your use map information [here](#)

## Key messages

- Downstream user association: be active in developing use maps, inform your members and relevant registrants
- Downstream user: follow and contribute to the initiative for the most benefits

**Work done now will influence supply chain information for years to come**

# Thank you

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