

Group Safety and Health Hazardous Substances Management

Obligations for importing chemical products into Switzerland:

In accordance with the Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations (<u>Chemicals Ordinance, ChemO</u>) is the importer as the manufacturer responsible for compliance with the obligations (Art. 2 (b) 1.).

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Self-control
- Classification
- Packaging and labeling
- Safety Data Sheet
- Reporting obligation
- Chemical contact person

Self-regulation includes that all obligations must be known, and that the necessary data must be obtianed.

The **classification** of preparations is carried out in accordance with the rules of the <u>EU CLP Regulation</u>. In the case of an import from the EU, the classification does not change.

The situation is similar with **packaging and labelling**. However, name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer (importer) must be on the label if supplied to private users. The marking must be in at least one official language of the locality, where the substance or preparation is delivered. The exact conditions can be found in Art. 10 of the ChemO.

The requirements for the **safety data sheet** must meet the requirements of Annex II of the <u>EU REACH</u> <u>Regulation</u>. Where according to Annex II of the EU REACH Regulation in Sections 1, 7, 8, 13 and 15 of the Safety Data Sheet refers to national law, the relevant provisions of Swiss law must be applied. In Section 1, the Swiss manufacturer and the telephone number of Tox Info Suisse must occur. For this purpose, we have the provided the SDS with a cover sheet in which the data can be entered. In addition, reference is made to the obligations of Section 4 of the ChemO.

The products are subject to a **notification obligation** in accordance with Chapter 3 ChemO. Since for dangerous preparations, which are available for private users, the full composition is required, we provide a reference number that can be referred to when reporting. Further information on this (including detailed instructions) can be obtained from the Common notification authority for chemicals (<u>link</u>).

Commercial and educational establishments must notify the cantonal enforcement authorities of their chemicals contact person, designated under Article 25 paragraph 2 of the Chemicals Act. The addresses of the cantonal specialist offices are here Visible: www.chemsuisse.ch/fachstellen.

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It is also part of self-regulation that changes are updated as quickly as possible that necessary data and measures are communicated.

In addition, other regulations may apply, which the importer needs to identify before importing and comply with it.

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