

# Creating and using the UFI

Webinar: using the UFI for your  
products and mixtures

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# Reminder

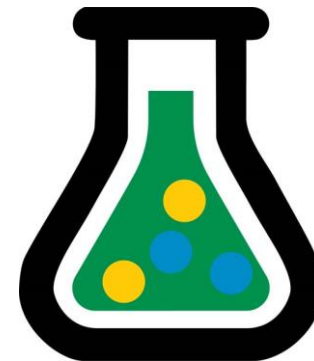
- UFI is flexible
- Two fundamental principles



# Principle 1

- A UFI is assigned to 1 (and only 1) mixture composition

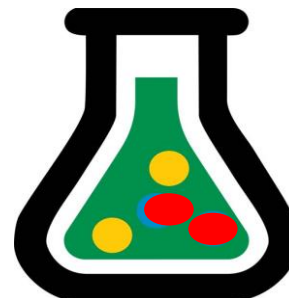
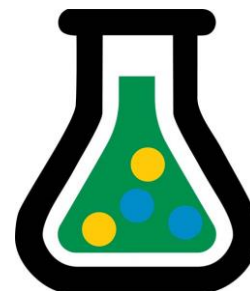
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## Principle 2

- Same UFI  $\neq$  mixtures of different composition

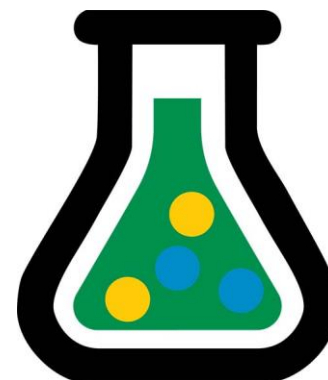
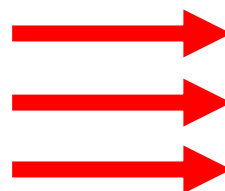
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## UFI flexibility

- 1 mixture composition may have multiple UFIs assigned to it

**UFI: VDU1-414F-1003-1862**  
**UFI: X800-U0RP-S009-1KM3**  
**UFI: 8XD3-W0EC-T00G-ATYX**



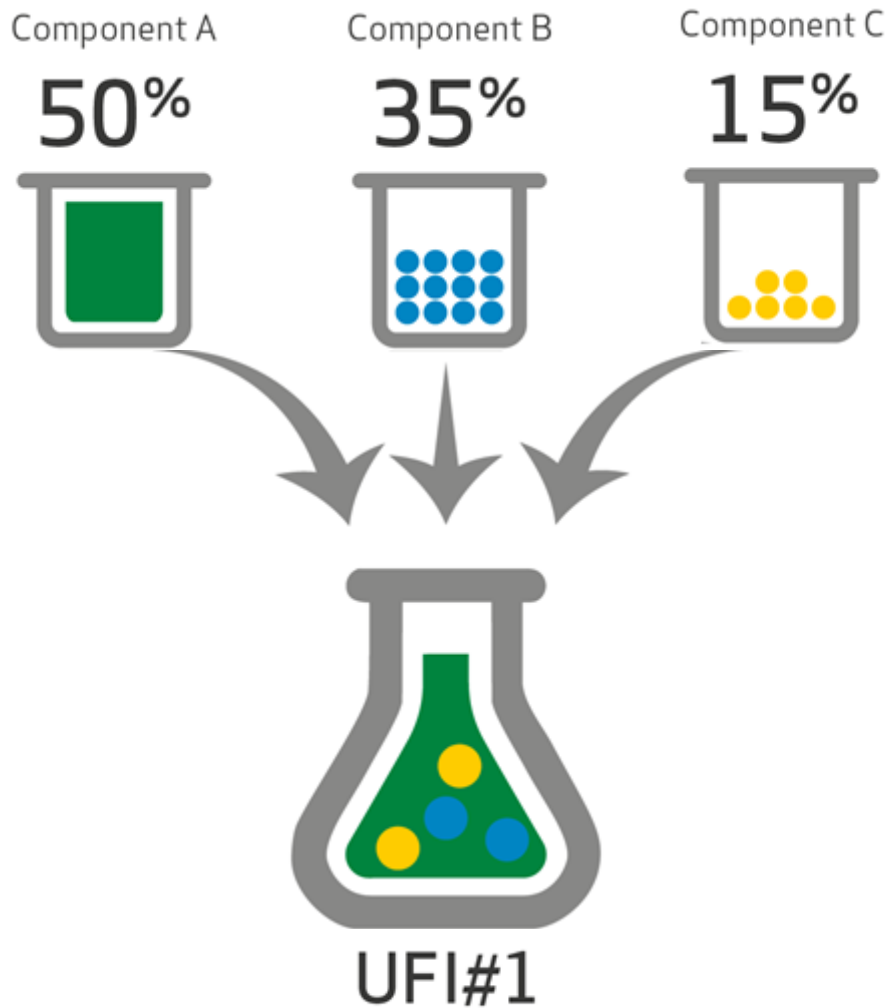
## How is the UFI link made?

- Remember, the UFI does not possess information about mixture composition nor can you decode the composition from the UFI that is on the label
- **Step 1** - You link UFI to your mixture composition
  - Only you know the link
- **Step 2** - You submit information for poison centres about UFI on the label with the composition of the mixture that you assigned it to
  - Only you and poison centres know the link

## Mixture composition and UFI (i) When you know all components

- Declare all components
- Identify them by chemical name and numerical identifier
- Provide exact concentration or concentration ranges for each component
- They should sum up to 100%
- Composition identified by UFI

## When you know all components cont...





## **Mixture composition and UFI (ii)**

### **When you have mixtures in mixture (MiM)**

- MiM - if suppliers provide composition indirectly – via UFI
- Declare each MiM as a component
- Identify MiMs by UFI
- Provide exact concentration or concentration ranges for each MiM
- They should sum up to 100%
- Give your own UFI for final mixture

# Mixtures in mixture (MiM) cont...

**SUPPLIER 1**



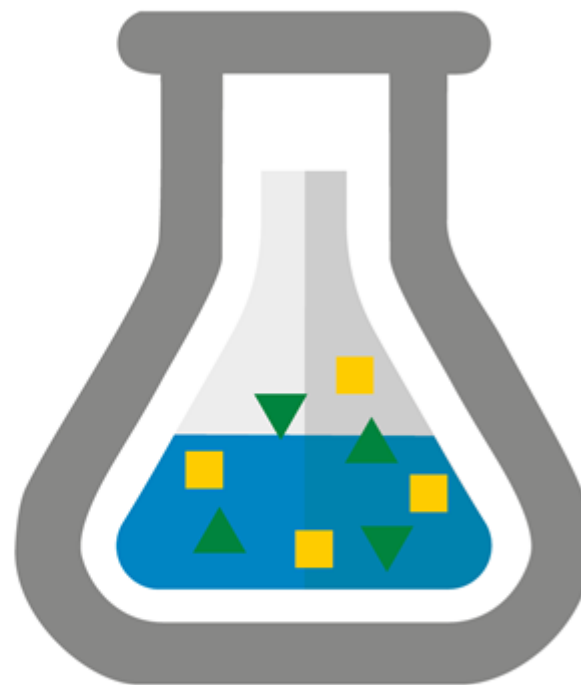
**SUPPLIER 2**



**SUPPLIER 3**



**WATER**



**UFI#4**

# Exact concentration vs. ranges – hazardous components of major concern

Table 1

Concentration ranges applicable to hazardous components of major concern for emergency health response (substances or MIM)

Concentration range of the hazardous component contained in the mixture (%)	Maximum width of the concentration range to be used in the submission
≥ 25 - < 100	5 % units
≥ 10 - < 25	3 % units
≥ 1 - < 10	1 % units
≥ 0,1 - < 1	0,3 % units
> 0 - < 0,1	0,1 % units

Hazardous component of major concern:

- Acute toxicity
- Skin corrosion
- Serious eye damage

✓ Methanol 30-35%

✗ Methanol 30-40%

# Exact concentration vs. ranges – other hazardous components or non-hazardous

Table 2

**Concentration ranges applicable to other hazardous components and components not classified as hazardous (substances or MIM)**

Concentration range of the component contained in the mixture (%)	Maximum width of the concentration range to be used in the submission
≥ 25 - < 100	20 % units
≥ 10 - < 25	10 % units
≥ 1 - < 10	3 % units
> 0 - < 1	1 % units

✓ Water 30-50%

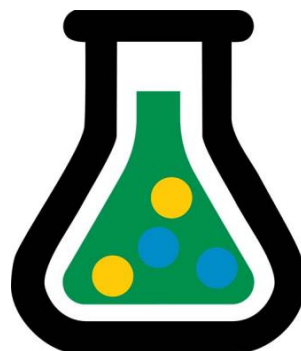
✗ Water 30-60%

## Mixture vs. product

### Mixture

Mixture or solution containing chemical components having associated properties:

- Composition
- Tox. properties
- Colour
- pH



### Product

Mixture in the form in which it is supplied to the user and defining the other aspects:

- Trade name
- Packaging
- Labelling
- Product category

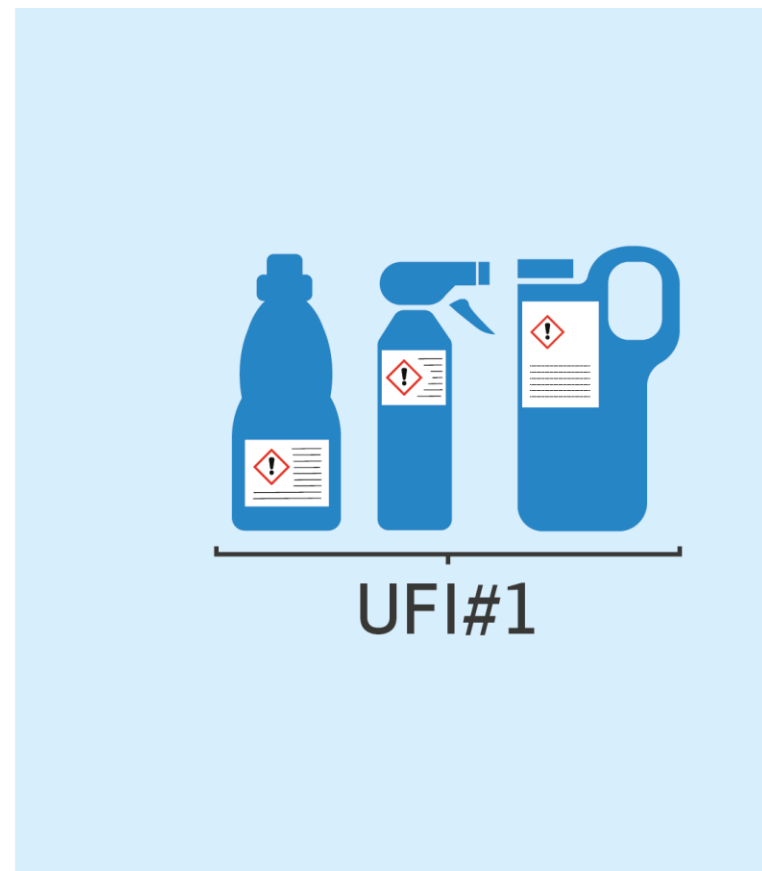
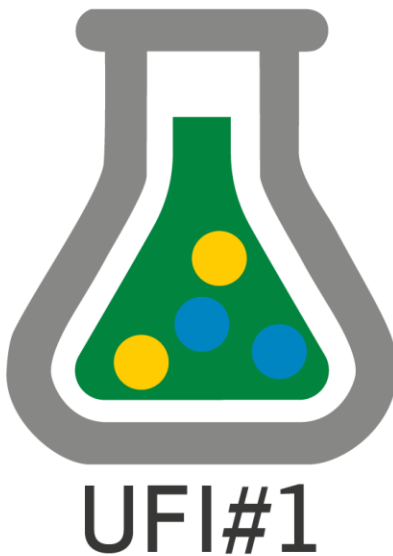


## Assigning UFI's

- Mixture-centric approach
- Product-centric approach
- Market-oriented approach
- Language/label-oriented approach
- Other approaches possible as long as principles 1 & 2 respected

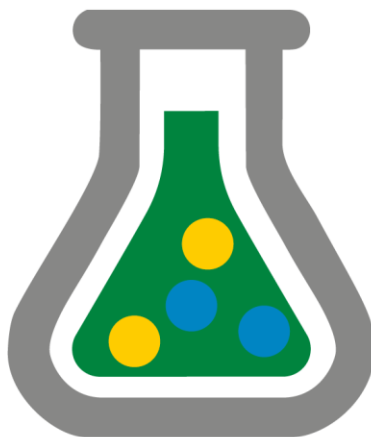
## Mixture-centric approach

- UFI always per mixture composition, not per product
- All products containing that mixture have the same UFI

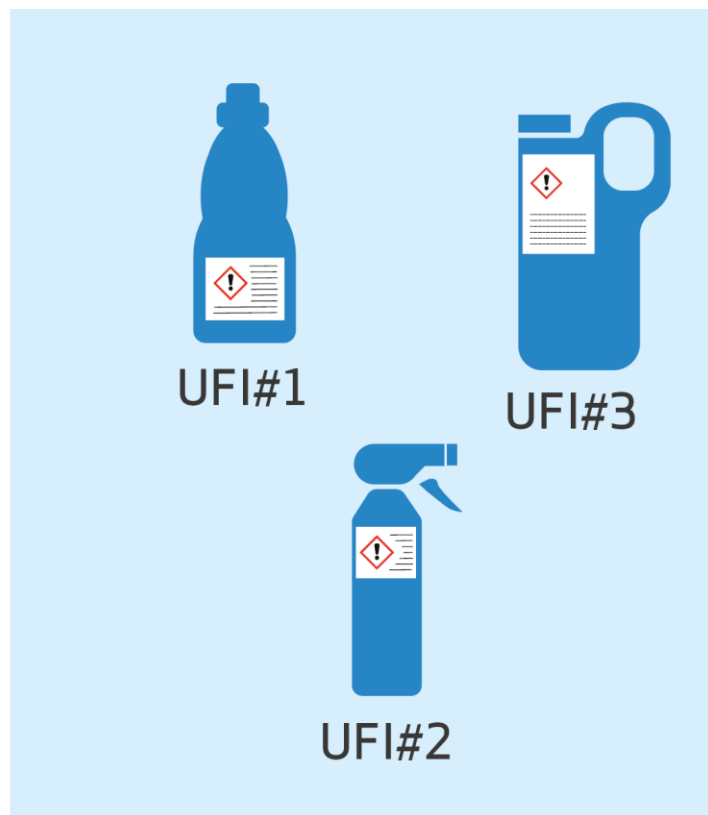


## Product-centric approach

- UFI always per product, even if other products have mixture of the same composition
- All products having the same mixture have different UFIs



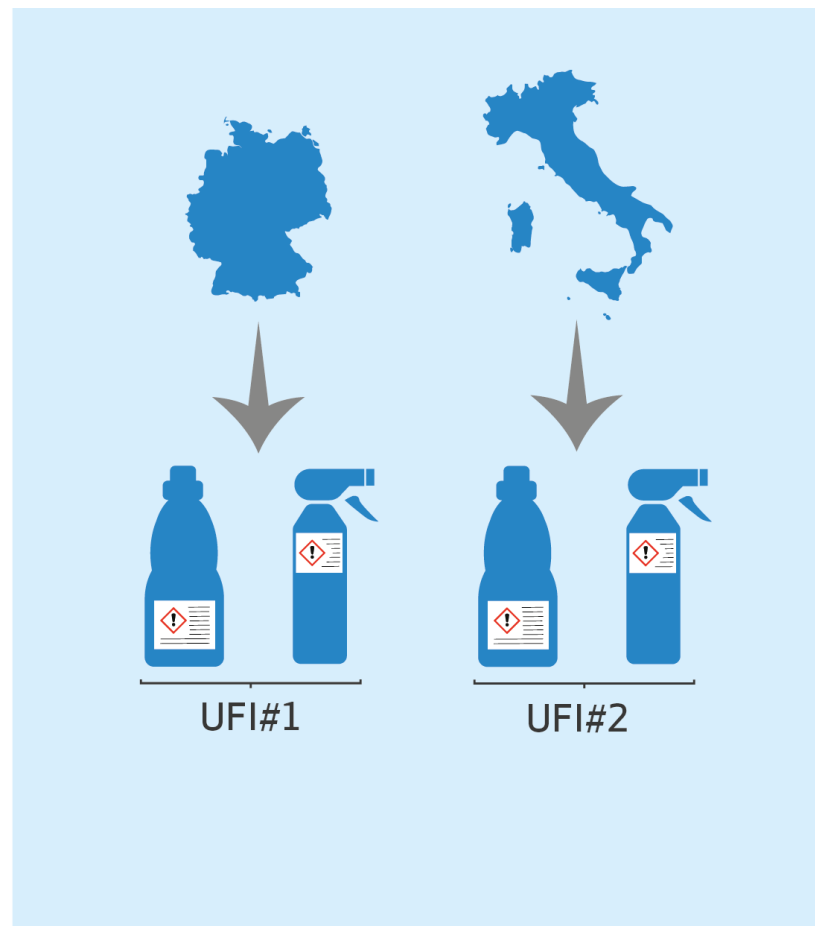
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UFI#2  
UFI#3





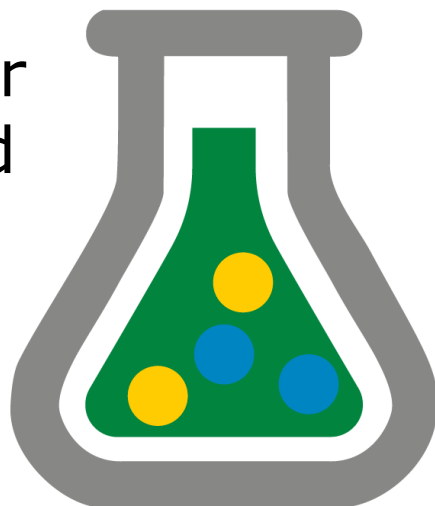
## Market-oriented approach

- UFI always per country where product/mixture is placed on the market



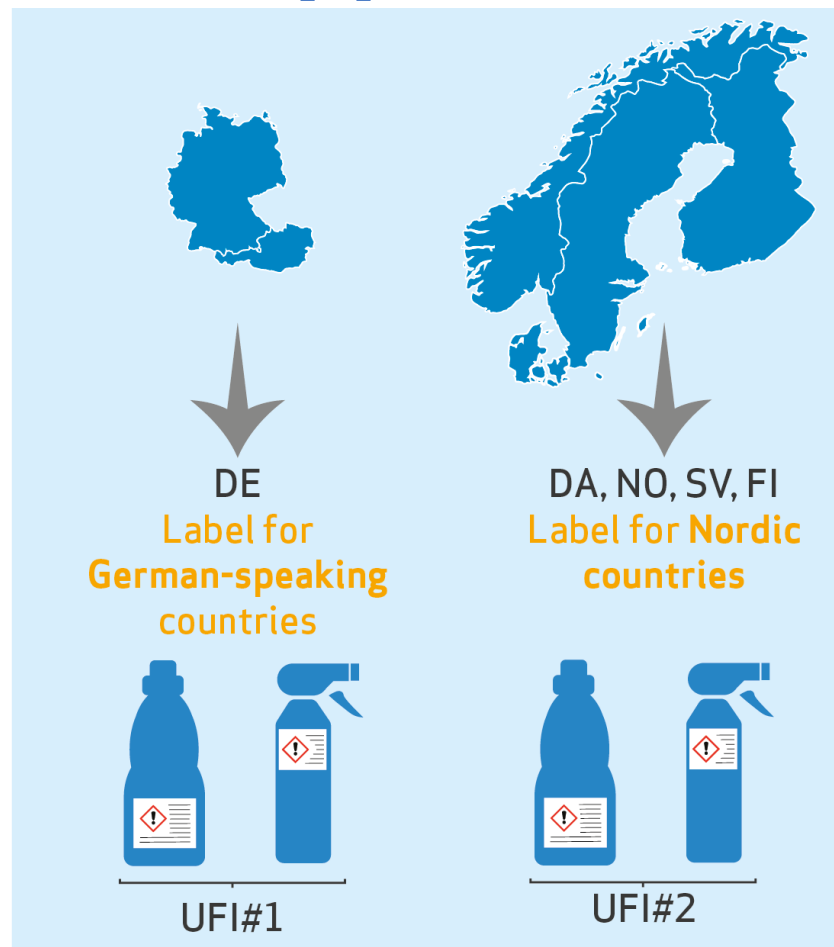
# Language/label-oriented approach

- UFI always per language used on label



UFI#1

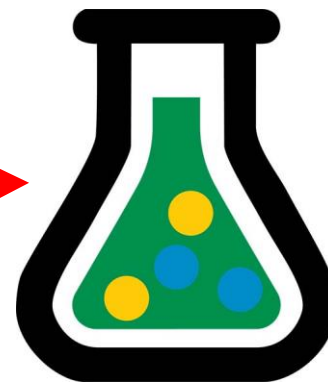
UFI#2



## Recap: Assigning UFIs

- Non-exhaustive possibilities to use UFI
- Again, main rules:
  - One UFI = one mixture composition
  - Same UFI  $\neq$  mixtures of different composition

**UFI: VDU1-414F-1003-1862**

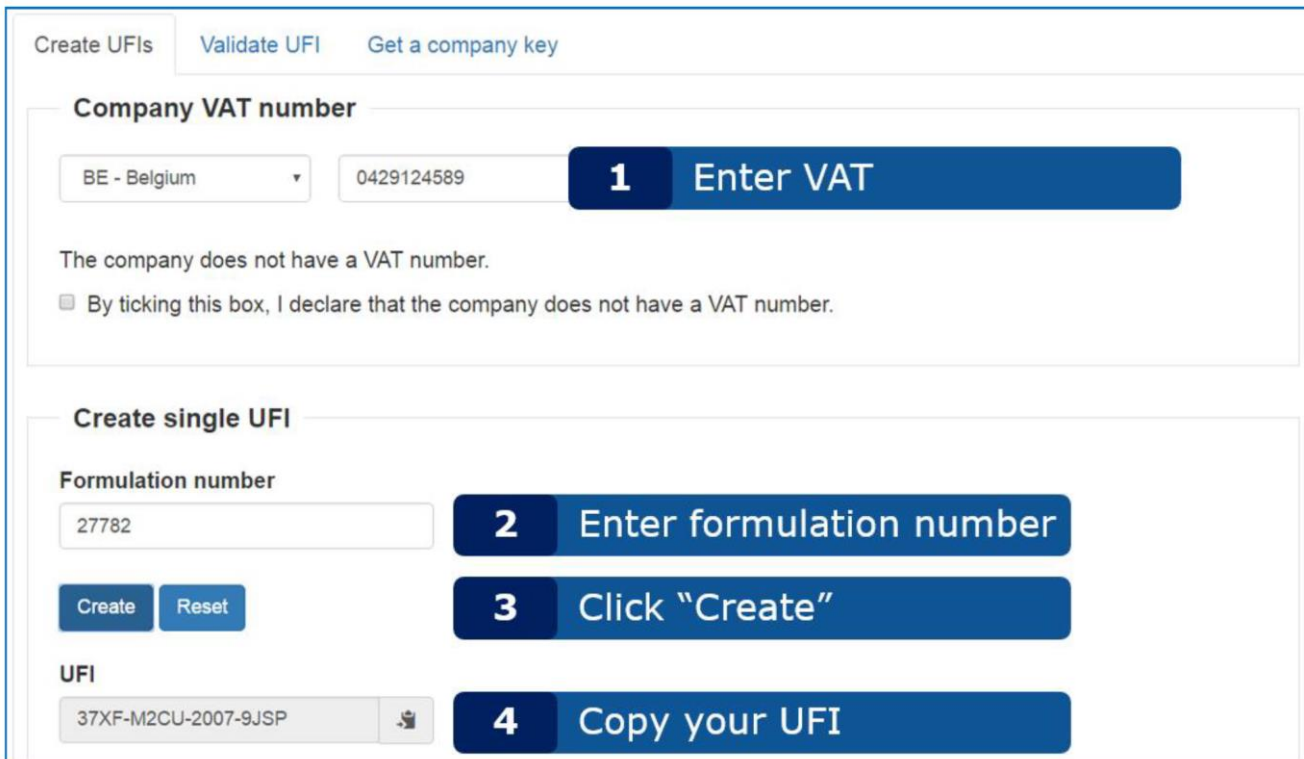


## What you need to generate UFI?

- VAT number of your company
  - If you don't have VAT, there is an alternative method
- Formulation number
  - A number between 0 and 268 435 455

# Single UFI creation

- Launch <https://ufi.echa.europa.eu/#/create>
- Select the language



The screenshot shows the 'Create UFI' section of the ECHA website. It includes three tabs: 'Create UFIs', 'Validate UFI', and 'Get a company key'. The 'Create UFIs' tab is active. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Company VAT number' and 'Create single UFI'. In the 'Company VAT number' section, there is a dropdown menu for the country (set to 'BE - Belgium') and a text input field for the VAT number (0429124589). A blue button labeled '1 Enter VAT' is positioned to the right of the input field. Below this, there is a message: 'The company does not have a VAT number.' and a checkbox with the text 'By ticking this box, I declare that the company does not have a VAT number.' The 'Create single UFI' section contains a 'Formulation number' input field with the value '27782'. A blue button labeled '2 Enter formulation number' is to the right of the input field. Below the input field are 'Create' and 'Reset' buttons. A blue button labeled '3 Click "Create"' is positioned to the right of the 'Create' button. At the bottom of the 'Create single UFI' section, the 'UFI' is displayed as '37XF-M2CU-2007-9JSP' in a grey box, with a copy icon to its right. A blue button labeled '4 Copy your UFI' is positioned to the right of the UFI box.

# Bulk UFI creation from sequential formulation codes

Create UFIs   Validate UFI   Get a company key

**Company VAT number**

BE - Belgium   0429124589   **1** Enter VAT

The company does not have a VAT number.

By ticking this box, I declare that the company does not have a VAT number.

**Create multiple UFIs**

From sequential formulation numbers   **2** Select bulk mechanism

First formulation number   457890   **3.a** Enter formulation info  
*The first formulation number*

Count of formulation numbers   124   **3.b** Enter formulation info  
*How many UFIs will be created*

From a CSV file (of up to 10 000 formulation numbers)

**4** Click "Create"

**5** Save your file

Create   Reset

# Bulk UFI creation from non-sequential formulation codes

Create UFIs   Validate UFI   Get a company key

**Company VAT number**

BE - Belgium   0429124589   **1** Enter VAT

The company does not have a VAT number.

By ticking this box, I declare that the company does not have a VAT number.

**Create multiple UFIs**

From sequential formulation numbers

First formulation number  
 A number between 0 and 268 435 455

Count of formulation numbers  
 A number between 1 and 10 000

From a CSV file (of up to 10 000 formulation numbers)

UFI bulk - 10000 codes.csv   **3** Open your input file  
*One formulation number per line*

**2** Select bulk mechanism

**4** Click "Create"

**5** Save your result file

Create   Reset

# If you do not have VAT number...

Create UFIs   Validate UFI   Get a company key

**Company VAT number**

The company does not have a VAT number.

By ticking this box, I declare that the company does not have a VAT number.

**1** No VAT declaration

**Create single UFI**

**Formulation number**

**2** Enter formulation number

**3** Click "Create"

**UFI**

**4** Copy your UFI

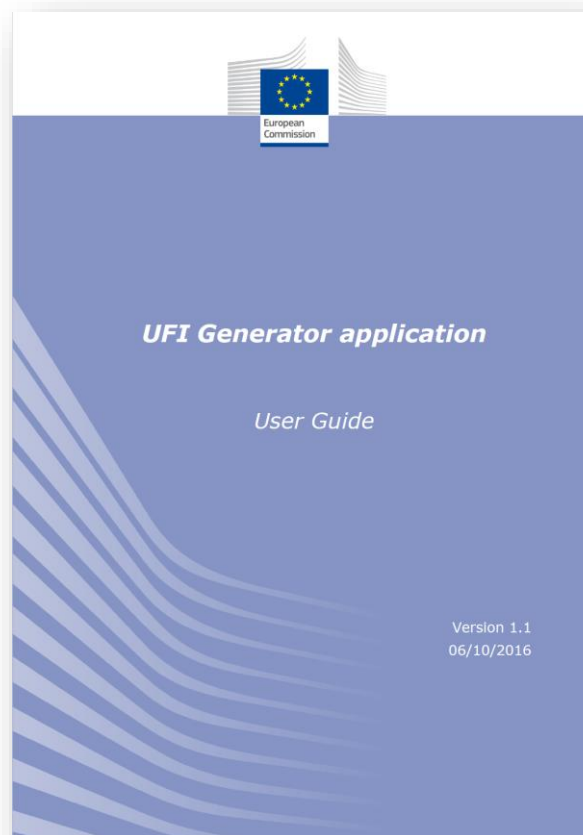


# UFI User Guide

Available in all EU languages

Browser requirements

Cookie usage



UFI Generator application - User Guide

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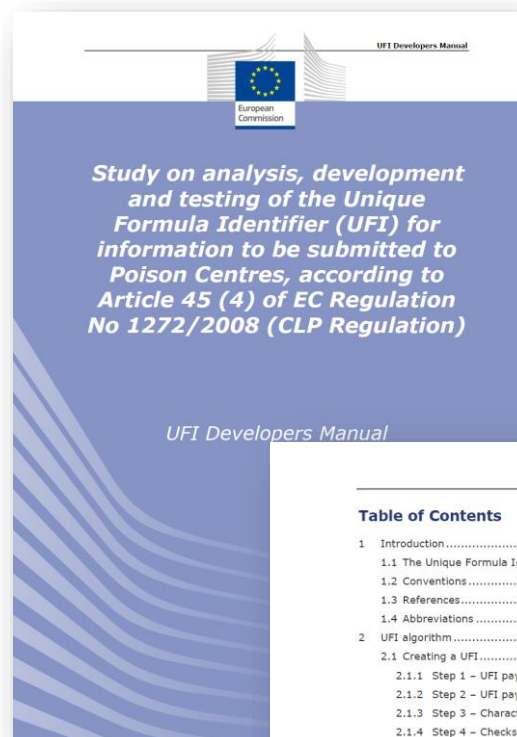
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# UFI algorithm

- Even more efficient bulk creation
- Develop your own generator in your company's IT systems
- Consult UFI Developers Manual



UFI Developers Manual

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# Validating UFIs

## Unique Formula Identifier Generator

[Create UFIs](#)

[Validate UFI](#)

[Get a company key](#)

UFI

JQQ2-V0XA-5008-XH0F

Validate

Reset

The UFI is valid.

It does not say if the submission has been made

# Validating UFIs

## Unique Formula Identifier Generator

[Create UFIs](#) [Validate UFI](#) [Get a company key](#)

UFI

JQQ2-V0XA-5008-XH0F

Validate

Reset

The UFI is valid.

## Unique Formula Identifier Generator

[Create UFIs](#) [Validate UFI](#) [Get a company key](#)

UFI

JQQ2-V0XA-5008-XH0D

Validate

Reset

This UFI is not valid: It contains at least one invalid character.

## Unique Formula Identifier Generator

[Create UFIs](#) [Validate UFI](#) [Get a company key](#)

UFI

JQQ2-V0XA-5008-XH0K

Validate

Reset

This UFI is not valid: You may have inverted characters

## Unique Formula Identifier Generator

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UFI

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Validate

Reset

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