

Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group

Matters arising, new topics on the horizon: Storage of Exposure scenarios

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Background

- SDS already exist for some times but...
- REACH added new requirements:
 - Exposure scenarios for all dangerous substances produced in more than 10 tonnes/year
 - ES described the conditions of safe use
 - ES should be annexed to SDS and communicated to customers
- For mixtures: no legal obligation to provide complete ES of all substances
 - But those info may be needed by some companies



Background

- Receiving too many information may be counter-productive:
 - ES overload the SDS
 - DU are struggling to find their way in (very) long documents
 - Need for improved targeting information

Need for an adequate solution!!!!

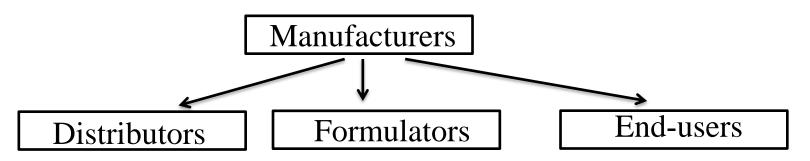




How to improve the situation?

• Different level of the supply chain have different uses and are

expecting different information:



• Our proposal: target the ES information depending on the uses

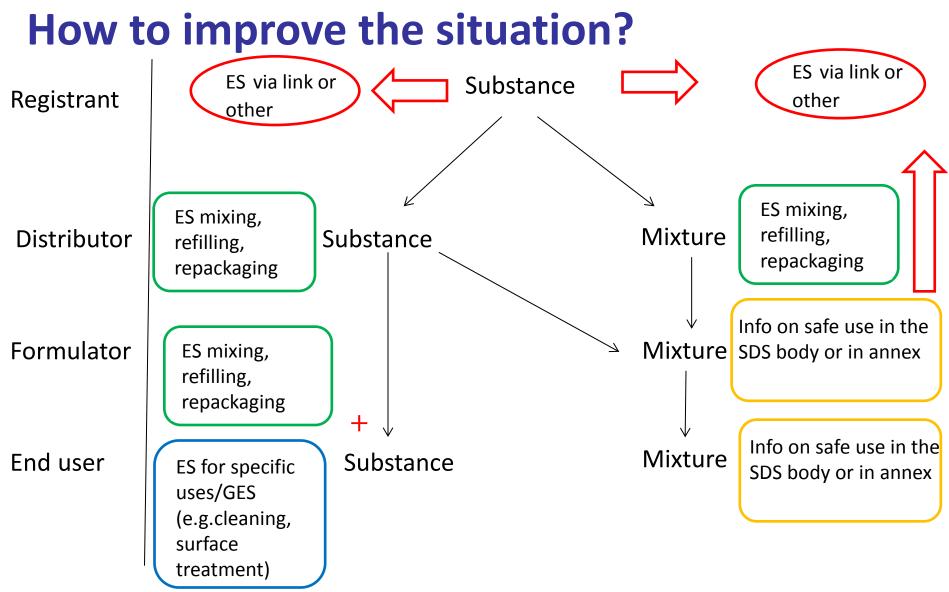
⇒ Annexed to the SDS: provide ES relevant for the uses

of the recipient

⇒ Via links or other: provide ES relevant for end-uses



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Implementation in practice

- Implementation requires:
 - ES for substances or Generic ES should be available
 - A standardized information transmission (ESCom)
 - Common repositories of ES: more efficient to have a common 'database' than each company develops its own. Could be hosted by an official body or by commercial providers.



Thank you!

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