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Safety Datasheets and GHS

Synthomer issues Safety Data Sheets for all of its products.

There are currently two pieces of legislation which require Synthomer to review the Safety Data Sheets of its products.

- Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances of Mixtures (implementing the Globally Harmonised System - GHS)
- Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)

This legislation will affect the content and the format of Safety Data Sheets.

Since the majority of its products are non-hazardous, Synthomer does not believe that the classification and labelling of most products will change significantly during the implementation of GHS or of REACH. However, if a product is affected by the above legislation then Synthomer will ensure that the Safety Data Sheet is compliant.

There is no requirement to update a Safety Data Sheet prior to 1st December 2010. Synthomer will be issuing revised safety datasheets, in the updated format, according to the timelines specified in the above legislation.

Exposure Scenarios

For hazardous substances in preparations, REACH usually requires an extended Safety Data Sheet that contains an Exposure Scenario.

Where this is necessary Synthomer will work with customers to ensure that their use is appropriately covered.

Registration Numbers

Synthomer understands that registration numbers only need to be communicated under specific circumstances. Synthomer will not disclose registration numbers unless,

- A preparation contains a hazardous substance
- A preparation contains a substance that is subject to REACH restriction or Authorisation.
- There are specific risk management measures required to ensure safety under REACH.

However, Synthomer will issue other proofs of product conformity with REACH and GHS.

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