

Statement - EUH208

" Contains ,*name of the sensitizing substance*'. May cause an allergic reaction"

With the 2nd amendment of regulation (EG) No. 1272/2008* to technical and scientific progress, the labelling information will be changed for mixtures containing sensitizing substances with a specific limit for classification in a very low concentration.

The change of labelling information to the new criteria must be adopted for mixtures by June 1, 2015.

In this context we would like to point out that neither the composition nor the hazard potential of our CHT / BEZEMA products that might be affected has changed. Merely the concentration limit for the future obligatory labelling has changed.

Safety objective

This change in labelling mainly serves as information and as additional protection for allergic persons who are aware of their allergen. Persons who are sensitized to a certain substance which can cause a reaction even at very low concentrations shall be additionally protected through this amendment.

Products from CHT/BEZEMA group are intended for industrial and commercial usage. Currently already established health and safety measures for handling our products will not change. The recommended personal protective measures and personal protective equipment as described in the material safety data sheet continue to be valid.

By organisational measures, contact with the products can be avoided by wearing the recommended protective gloves and suitable protective working clothes.

Current situation and future changes

The statement "Contains ,*name of sensitizing substance*'. May cause an allergic reaction" has been applicable in Europe since May 31st, 1999. Mixtures that are not classified as sensitizing but contain at least one sensitizing substance in a concentration of ≥ 0.1 % (1,000 ppm) must be labelled clearly visible on the packaging with the statement EUH208.

As part of the 2nd amendment of regulation (EG) No. 1272/2008 the concentration limit value for causing an allergic reaction has been changed. For substances with a specific classification limit value of < 0.1 %, the concentration limit value for causing an allergic reaction will be changed to a tenth part of this specific value.

This means, that in future even lower amounts of certain sensitizing substances in a product require information on the packaging which was unnecessary in the past.

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Example:

Specific limit of classification	Concentration limit for EUH208 as to date	Concentration limit for EUH208 labelling by June 1, 2015
≥ 0.0015 % (15 ppm)	Not yet prescribed	≥ 0.00015 % (1,5 ppm)

A mixture will be labelled clearly visible on the packaging if it contains one of these substances in a concentration that is obligatory for the statement EUH208.

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We would like to point out once more that the composition of the products that might be affected has not changed. Merely the evaluation procedure for the statement EUH208 has changed.

Outlook

Preservative agents, as available on the European market, contain ingredients which are sensitizing substances with a specific limit for classification. Therefore, these substances are subject to the new regulation for labelling with the statement EUH208.

Without protection through preservative agents, a wide range of chemicals provide a medium for the growth of microorganisms (bacteria, fungi and spore). These microorganisms could impair the product stability and product performance.

The use of the lowest possible amount of preservative agents maintains the product performance and ensures a long usability and storing stability. In addition, hygienically clean products protect the health of persons handling these products.

CHT/BEZEMA group is working on solutions to avoid or reduce the use of sensitizing substances. However, depending on the chemical characterization and the application of the product, this is not perfectly possible in all cases.

If you have any further questions on this subject, please contact your local sales representative or our product safety department.