

Training obligation for industrial and commercial users of diisocyanates

Strong in responsibility - In view of our responsibility in handling chemicals, we place particular emphasis on protecting the processors of our products and therefore consider it our duty to support our customers with any necessary technical training.

Our polyurethane-based (PUR) coating systems generally contain diisocyanates, which are essential for the chemical reaction in the coating film to give our PUR products special chemical and physical resistance. However, handling isocyanates requires special care and strict compliance with safety measures to minimize potential risks to health and the environment.

On the initiative of the European Commission, the REACH Regulation (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) introduces new regulations for the handling of chemical products containing diisocyanates in concentrations, individually and in combination, above 0.1% by weight.

Under these regulations, processors are required to receive training on handling these chemicals:

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amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament

and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals

(REACH) as regards diisocyanates.

Accordingly, this regulation will apply to all users of products containing diisocyanates from August 24, 2023.

In order to protect our employees and customers in the best possible way, the PLANTAG Coatings Group attaches great importance to the substitution and reduction of diisocyanates in our products. This ensures that our products can continue to be used by you as usual in the future. Ensuring consistently high quality is a top priority and requires careful testing.

We know that such changeovers usually require a certain transition period on the customer side as well. To make the transition process smooth for you, we offer our customers free online training. The aim of these training courses is to teach our customers' employees how to handle the affected products responsibly. By participating in these time-efficient training courses, participants receive a certificate.

<https://isopa-aisbl.idloom.events/index/safe-use-of-diisocyanates-training-selection-en>

If you have any further questions about diisocyanate content and its significance for your company, the Product Management and Product Safety departments of the PLANTAG Coatings Group will be happy to help.

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