

3.7 Link list

Communication with suppliers and purchasing criteria on chemicals

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Guidance and tools for appropriate documentation of hazardous chemicals and quality check of the documents:

- **“Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), Eighth revised edition”**. It is a comprehensive background document on GHS where you can find relevant information on GHS implementation, including GHS chemical labels and safety data sheets (SDS). <https://unece.org/ghs-rev8-2019>
- **GHS label** with an example and an explanation of what it should consist of: https://www.chemsafetypro.com/Topics/GHS/GHS_label_element.html
- **Overview of what is a GHS Safety data sheet** with links of useful information such as classification, concentration cut-off values, and information on SDS sections: https://www.chemsafetypro.com/Topics/GHS/GHS_safety_data_sheets.html
- **SDS checklist** useful if you are exporting chemicals to the EU or intend to do so, or for improving SDS quality: http://www.fitreach.eu/sites/default/files/editor/Excel_tool/SDS%20checklist_template_ENG_0.xlsx
- **CEFIC SDS checklist for SDS compilers**, which can also be used to assess the quality of the SDSs. This checklist requires a higher level of knowledge on chemicals and safety data sheets as the previous checklist. <https://cefic.org/library-item/sds-check-list>

Publicly available databases containing information on chemicals:

- The PubChem database gives access to information on chemicals, including hazard properties: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>
- The database of the European Chemicals Agency is one of the most extensive databases containing information on chemicals: <https://echa.europa.eu/It/information-on-chemicals>
- OECD eChemPortal – a search tool for sources on chemical information: <https://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/substance-search>

Finding a laboratory for chemical analysis:

- UNEP database of laboratories undertaking POPs and mercury analysis from products and various other matrices: <https://informea.pops.int/HgPOPLabs/index.html>
- UNEP database of laboratories undertaking lead in paint analysis
<https://www.unep.org/resources/toolkits-manuals-and-guides/lead-paint-laboratory-database>

Excluding CoCs through purchasing and supply contracts:

- A beginners' guide on avoiding hazardous substances through procurement and supply contracts:
<https://www.fitreach.eu/sites/default/files/editor/procurement/Procurement%20Guidelines.pdf>