

REACH – Reply on Use Information from Customers

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your information about your Uses. Brenntag has invested in an IT tool for Use Alignment which not only helps in forwarding the information on Uses towards the concerned business partners in a standardized way but also allows us to keep a record of the communication.

Brenntag shares your concern to report all of your Uses to the Registrants before 1st December 2009 and therefore has requested all of its 5,000 European suppliers to provide the Identified Uses. In order to ensure coherent communication on Use Information between Manufacturers and Downstream Users and to make this communication as easy as possible for all involved parties, industry together with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have developed rules how to apply the Use Descriptor System. Brenntag has compiled these rules in a comprehensible way which you may find at http://www.brenntag-reach.com/en/downloads/SC_Communication/d-REACH_SCC_Slides_Use_Description_Internetpdf.

Although Brenntag cannot and will not modify information from Manufacturers or Downstream Users we will contact our business partners in case above mentioned rules have not been applied. In these cases we invite our partners to reconsider their use mapping and to provide us with Use Information according to the above mentioned rules.

This is how Use Communication is operated at Brenntag: once the Identified Uses have been provided by our suppliers the information is stored in our Use Alignment System. After being processed into standardized interactive information sheets (Adobe Interactive Forms) the information is forwarded to our customers, who should then verify that their own Uses are included and inform us about Uses not mentioned, the so called Additional Uses. With this Use Alignment Process, Brenntag follows the widely accepted procedure which Chemical Manufacturers (Cefic), Distributors (FECC) and Downstream Users (DUCC) together have agreed upon. See: http://www.brenntag-reach.com/en/downloads/SC_Communication/d-REACH_SCC_Slides_Use_Alignment_Internetpdf.

For accessing the different information please copy-paste the shown link addresses into your web browser address field. You'll find more detailed information in the "REACH"-section on our website <http://www.brenntag-reach.com/en/>

We trust we have informed you about Brenntag's handling of the Use Information in a comprehensible way. Please do not hesitate to contact your regular Brenntag contact for more information.

Sincerely,

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