

CLASSIFICATION & LABELLING OF DETERGENTS AND CLEANING PRODUCTS UNDER CLP

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Safety of products is at the top of A.I.S.E.’s agenda and our voluntary initiatives aim to promote safer and more sustainable use of detergents, maintenance and cleaning products. A common understanding and harmonised implementation of CLP Regulation is instrumental to drive a safe use of our products.



A.I.S.E. welcomes the input provided by all parties, and calls onto the European Commission, the European Chemicals Agency, and EU Member States to work collaboratively with industry to address the key issues and remaining questions.

Brussels, 18 October 2016 – A.I.S.E. organised today a workshop on classification and labelling (CLP) with a wide range of stakeholders including representatives from the EU institutions, Member States Competent Authorities and national Helpdesks, representatives from Poison Control Centers, animal welfare NGOs, academia and industry partners.

The purpose of the workshop was to inform participants about two of the industry voluntary initiatives, namely the DetNet network aimed at sharing data and expertise to facilitate the appropriate classification, and the A.I.S.E. *in vitro* program which aims to secure alternative test methods for detergents and cleaning products. These initiatives are part of the industry’s proactive agenda for driving positive change insuring the appropriate hazardous classification and labelling, while avoiding unnecessary animal testing. The workshop also represented the opportunity to further exchange with participants in order to facilitate the harmonized application of CLP principles for the detergent and cleaning product industry across the EU.

A.I.S.E. President, Arndt Scheidgen, said: “Our companies currently face diverging interpretations across Europe regarding the application of CLP ‘Bridging Principles’, and/or ‘Weight of Evidence’ assessments using available test data on similar mixtures. This leads to business uncertainty and a clear lack of predictability for the sector.”

A.I.S.E. Director General, Susanne Zänker concluded: “We are convinced that this workshop has achieved its objective of informing about current practices and addressed existing concerns and questions with a view to achieve a common understanding and a harmonised enforcement of CLP criteria across the EU.” She added: “A.I.S.E. will remain committed to working on the issues identified during the workshop in a transparent, constructive and collaborative way.”



About DetNet – The Detergent Industry Network for CLP Classification

DetNet is an A.I.S.E. collective voluntary initiative, in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP Regulation), which aims at helping companies to establish the appropriate hazard classification for their detergent mixtures. In fact, by applying CLP 'Bridging Principles' and/or 'Weight of Evidence', an expert can derive the hazard classification of an untested mixture by using existing data on similar tested mixtures made available by DetNet.



DetNet is a secured web-based IT system containing a database of more than 200 detergent and cleaning tested mixtures for which ingredients information as well as toxicological studies (skin and/or eye *in vivo* and *in vitro*) are available. This allows to save resources and to avoid unnecessary animal testing in full compliance with CLP requirements.

About A.I.S.E. *in vitro* programme

In 2014, the Netherlands, with the support of A.I.S.E., proposed to OECD the revision of the OECD Test Guideline 438 on Isolated Chicken Eye to include histopathology as an additional endpoint to identify non-extreme pH detergent and cleaning mixtures that require EU CLP/UN GHS eye category 1 classification. This project was accepted in April 2015 for inclusion in the OECD Work Program. A first revised draft of this Test Guideline 438 to include histopathology was discussed by OECD experts at the end of 2015. Prospective testing is currently ongoing to evaluate the reproducibility of the histopathology endpoint to the Isolated Chicken Eye test method.

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