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Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Factories (Control of Carcinogens and Mutagens at Work) Regulations 2003.

Interpretation and scope.

2.(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“carcinogen” means

(a) a substance described in Schedule 1; and

(b) a substance, mixture or process referred to in Schedule 2 as well as a substance or mixture released by a process referred to in Schedule 2;

“inspector” means a person appointed under section 77 of the Factories Act to be an inspector;

“limit value” means, unless otherwise specified, the limit of the time weighted average of the concentration for a carcinogen or mutagen in the air within the breathing zone of a worker in relation to a specified reference period as set out in Schedule 3;

“mutagen” means a substance described in Schedule 1.

(2) Where a provision in these Regulations is more favourable to health and safety than an equivalent provision in the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2007 then the provision contained in these Regulations shall take precedence.

Assessment of health risks created by work involving carcinogens or mutagens.
3.(1) An employer shall not carry out any work which is liable to expose any employees to any carcinogen or mutagen unless he has made a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks created by that work to the health of those employees and of the steps that need to be taken to meet the requirements of these Regulations.

(2) The assessment required by subregulation (1) shall be reviewed regularly and forthwith if—

(a) there is reason to suspect that the assessment is no longer valid; or

(b) there has been a significant change in the work to which the assessment relates, and, where as a result of the review, changes in the assessments are required, those changes shall be made.

**Inspection of Assessment.**

4.(1) An inspector may require an employer to disclose the information used in making an assessment under regulation 3 including—

(a) the activities or industrial process in which carcinogens and mutagens are used;

(b) the quantities of substances or mixtures manufactured or used which contain carcinogens or mutagens;

(c) the number of workers exposed;

(d) the preventive measures taken;

(e) the type of protective equipment used;

(f) the nature and degree of exposure,

(g) the cases of replacement.

(2) It is an offence for an employer to fail to disclose information required by an inspector under subregulation (1) or to disclose information which he knows is false.

**Prevention or control of exposure.**

5.(1) Every employer shall ensure that—
(a) the exposure of his employees to carcinogens or mutagens is either prevented, or,

(b) where it is not reasonably practicable to prevent the exposure of his employees to carcinogens or mutagens, the exposure is—

(i) adequately controlled; and

(ii) does not exceed the limit value.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subregulation (1), where the assessment made under regulation 3 shows that it is not reasonably practicable to prevent exposure to a carcinogen or mutagen by using an alternative substance, mixture or process, the employer shall apply the following measures, namely—

(a) the total enclosure of the process of handling systems unless this is not reasonably practicable;

(b) the limitation of the quantities of a carcinogen or mutagen at the place of work;

(c) the keeping of the number of persons who might be exposed to a carcinogen or mutagen to a minimum;

(d) the use of plant, processes and systems of work which minimise the generation of, or suppress and contain, spills, leaks, dust, fumes and vapours of carcinogens or mutagens;

(e) the provision of hygiene measures including adequate washing facilities and regular cleaning of walls and surfaces;

(f) the designation of those areas and installations which may be contaminated by carcinogens or mutagens, and the use of suitable and sufficient warning signs;

(g) the prohibition of eating, drinking and smoking in areas that may be contaminated by carcinogens or mutagens;

(h) the safe storage, handling and disposal of carcinogens and mutagens and use of closed and clearly labelled containers;

(i) the means for safe storage, handling and transportation;
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(j) means for safe collection, storage and disposal of waste by workers;

(k) the evacuation at source of carcinogens and mutagens is not effected in a manner which is or results in a threat to public health or the environment;

(l) the drawing up of plans to deal with emergencies likely to result in abnormally high exposure; and

(m) collective prevention measures and/or, where exposure cannot be avoided by other means, individual protection measures.

Foreseeable Exposure.

6.(1) Where an employer intends to undertake an activity whereby workers are likely to be exposed to abnormally high levels of carcinogens or mutagens the employer must, in consultation with the workers or their representatives, take steps necessary for reducing to a minimum the duration of the worker’s exposure.

(2) An employer undertaking an activity described in subregulation (1) must provide and require workers to wear protective clothing and respiratory protection equipment for the duration of the exposure.

(3) The area in which an activity to which subregulation (1) applies is conducted must be clearly indicated or demarcated and access denied to unauthorised persons and unprotected workers.

Unforeseen exposure.

7.(1) In the event of the failure of a control measure which might result in the escape of carcinogens or mutagens into the workplace, the employer shall ensure that employees and other persons who may be affected are informed of the failure as quickly as possible.

(2) Where subregulation (1) applies the following measures must be taken until such time as the cause of the abnormal exposure has been eliminated and the levels of carcinogens or mutagens restored to normal—

(a) only those workers who are essential to the carrying out of repairs and other necessary work are permitted to work in the affected area;

(b) workers must be issued and must wear protective clothing and individual respiratory protection equipment;
(c) unprotected workers must not be allowed to work in the affected area.

Information, instruction and training for persons who may be exposed to substances hazardous to health.

8.(1) An employer who undertakes work which may expose any of his employees to carcinogens and mutagens shall provide that employee with such information, instruction and training as is suitable and sufficient for him to know—

(a) the risks to health created by such exposure;

(b) the precautions which should be taken;

(c) hygiene requirements;

(d) the correct wearing and use of protective clothing and equipment;

(e) the labelling, symbols and hazard signs associated with containers, packages and installations containing carcinogens and mutagens; and

(f) the steps to be taken by workers (including rescue workers) in the case of incidents and to prevent incidents,

and such training shall be adapted where new risks are identified or the nature of the risk changes, and if necessary such training shall be repeated periodically.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subregulation (1), the information provided under that subregulation shall include information on the collective results of any health surveillance undertaken in accordance with regulation 9 in a form calculated to prevent it from being identified as relating to any particular person.

Health surveillance.

9. (1) Where an employee is or is liable to be exposed to carcinogens or mutagens, the employer shall, if appropriate, ensure that the employee undergoes health surveillance prior to exposure and at regular intervals thereafter.
(2) The employer shall ensure that a health record, in respect of each of his employees to whom subregulation (1) relates is made and maintained and that that record or a copy thereof is kept in a suitable form for at least 40 years from the date of the last entry made in it.

(3) Where an employer who holds records in accordance with subregulation (2) ceases to trade, he shall forthwith notify the Gibraltar Health Authority thereof in writing and offer those records to the Gibraltar Health Authority.

(4) Where, for the purpose of carrying out his functions under these Regulations, an employment medical adviser or appointed doctor requires to inspect any workplace or any record kept for the purposes of these Regulations, the employer shall permit him to do so.

(5) On reasonable notice being given, the employer shall allow any of his employees access to the health record which relates to him.

Abnormality in employee.

9A. Where as a result of the health surveillance carried out in accordance with regulation 9, an employee is found to be suffering from an abnormality that is suspected to be the result of exposure to carcinogens or mutagens—

(a) an inspector or a doctor may require other employees who have been similarly exposed to undergo health surveillance;

(b) a further assessment under regulation 3 shall be undertaken; and

(c) where cancer is identified as resulting from the occupational exposure to a carcinogen or mutagens, an inspector must be informed.

Washing and Changing Facilities.

10. Every employer must provide for any employee exposed to carcinogens or mutagens adequate and suitable—

(a) washing and changing facilities;

(b) where he is required to provide protective clothing, separate facilities for the storage of—

(i) that protective clothing, and
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(ii) personal clothing not worn during working hours;

(c) where he is required to provide respiratory protective equipment, facilities for the storage of that equipment.

Information for workers.

10A. An employee and/or his representative shall be entitled to request information from his employer so that he may verify that the provisions of these regulations are being complied with, and in particular–

(a) to be able to assess the consequences for his safety and health of the selection, wearing and use of protective clothing and equipment, without prejudice to the employer's responsibility for determining the effectiveness of protective clothing and equipment;

(b) the steps determined by the employer which are referred to in regulation 6(1), without prejudice to the employer's responsibility for determining such steps;

(c) in the event of an abnormal exposure employees and/or their representatives shall be informed as quickly as possible of the causes thereof and of the measures taken or to be taken to rectify the situation;

(d) an employer must keep an up-to-date list of employees engaged in the activities in respect of which the results of an assessment reveal a risk to their health or safety, indicating, if the information is available, the exposure to which they have been subjected;

(e) an employer shall grant to the doctor and/or an inspector, as well as all other persons who have responsibility for health and safety at work, access to the list referred to in point (d);

(f) an employee shall be granted access by his employer to the information on the list which relates to him personally;

(g) an employee and/or his representative shall be granted access to anonymous collective information.

Revocation.

11. The Factories (Control of Carcinogens at Work) Regulations 1997 are revoked.
1. A carcinogen is—

(a) a substance or mixture which meets the criteria for classification as a category 1A or 1B carcinogen set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

(b) a substance, mixture or process referred to in Schedule 2 as well as a substance or mixture released by a process referred to in Schedule 2.

2. A mutagen is—

a substance or mixture which meets the criteria for classification as a category 1A or 1B germ cell mutagen set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

PART 2

ANNEX I TO DIRECTIVE 67/548/EEC

FOREWORD TO ANNEX I

Introduction.

Annex I is an index of dangerous substances for which harmonised classification and labelling have been agreed at Community level in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4(3) of this Directive.

Numbering of entries.

Entries in Annex I are listed according to the atomic number of the element most characteristic of the substance’s properties. A list of the chemical elements, arranged according to atomic number is shown in Table A. Organic substances, because of their variety, have been placed in the usual classes, as shown in Table B.

The Index number for each substance is in the form of a digit sequence of the type ABC-RST-VW-Y, where:
- ABC is either the atomic number of the most characteristic chemical element (preceded by one or two zeros to make up the sequence) or the usual class number for organic substances,

- RST is the consecutive number of the substance in the series ABC,

- VW denotes the form in which the substance is produced or placed on the market,

- Y is the check-digit calculated in accordance with the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) method.

As an example, the Index number for sodium chlorate is 017-005-00-9.

For dangerous substances in the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substance (Einecs, OJ No. C 146A, 15.6.1990) the Einecs number is included. This number is a seven-digit system of the type XXX-XXX-X which starts at 200-001-8.

For dangerous substances notified under the provisions of this Directive, the number of the substance in the European List of Notified Substance (Elincs) is included. This number is a seven-digit system of the type XXX-XXX-X which starts at 400-010-9.

For dangerous substances in the list of “No-longer-polymers” (Document, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 1997. ISBN 92-827-8995-0) the “No-longer-polymer” number is included. This number is a seven-digit system of the type XXX-XXX-X which starts at 500-001-0.

The Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number is also included to assist identification of the entry. It should be noted that the Einecs number includes both anhydrous and hydrated forms of a substance, and there are frequently different CAS numbers for anhydrous and hydrated forms. The CAS number included is for the anhydrous form only, and therefore the CAS number shown does not always describe the entry as accurately as the Einecs number.

Einecs, Elincs, “No-longer-polymer” or CAS numbers are not usually included for entries which comprise more than four individual substances.

Nomenclature.

Wherever possible, dangerous substances are designated by their Einecs, Elincs or “No-longer-polymer” names. Other substances not listed in Einecs, Elincs or the list of “No-longer-polymers” are designated using an
Impurities, additives and minor components are normally not mentioned unless they contribute significantly to the classification of the substance.

Some substances are described as a mixture of A and B. These entries refer to one specific mixture. In some cases where it is necessary to characterise the substance put on the market, the proportions of the main substances in the mixture are specified.

Some substances are described with a specific percentage purity. Substances containing a higher content of active material (e.g. an organic peroxide) are not included in the Annex I entry and may have other hazardous properties (e.g. explosive). Where specific concentration limits are shown, these apply to the substance or substances shown in the entry. In particular, in the case of entries which are mixtures of substances or substances described with a specific percentage purity, the limits apply to the substance as described in Annex I and not the pure substance.

Article 23(2)(a) requires that for substances appearing in Annex I, the name of the substance to be used on the label should be one of the designations given in the Annex. For certain substances, additional information has been added in square brackets in order to help identify the substance. This additional information need not be included on the label.

Certain entries contain a reference to impurities. An example is Index No. 607-190-00-X: methyl acrylamidomethoxyacetate (containing ≥0.1 % acrylamide). In these cases the reference in brackets forms part of the name, and must be included on the label.

Certain entries refer to groups of substances. An example is Index No. 006-007-00-5 “hydrogen cyanide (salts of ......) with exception of complex cyanides such as ferrocyanides, ferricyanides and mercuric oxy cyanide”. For individual substances covered by these entries, the Ei necs name or another internationally recognised name must be used.

**Format of entries.**

The following information is given for each substance in Annex I:

(a) *the classification:*

(i) the process of classification consists of placing a substance in one or more categories of danger (as defined in Article 2(2) of Directive 92/32/EEC) and assigning the
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qualifying risk phrase or phrases. The classification has consequences not only for labelling but also for other legislation and regulatory measures on dangerous substances;

(ii) the classification for each category of danger is normally presented in the form of an abbreviation representing the category of danger together with the appropriate risk phrase or phrases. However, in some cases (i.e. substances classified as flammable, sensitising and some substances classified as dangerous for the environment) the risk phrase alone is used;

(iii) the abbreviation for each of the categories of danger is shown below:
- explosive: E
- oxidising: O
- extremely flammable: F+
- highly Flammable: F
- flammable: R10
- very toxic: T+
- toxic: T
- harmful: Xn
- corrosive: C
- irritant: Xi
- sensitising: R42 and/or R43
- carcinogenic: Carc. Cat.\( ^{(1)} \)
- mutagenic: Muta. Cat.\( ^{(1)} \)
- toxic for reproduction: Repr. Cat\( ^{(1)} \)
- dangerous for the environment: N or/and R52, R53, R59;

(iv) Additional risk phrases which have been assigned to describe other properties (see sections 2.2.6 and 3.2.8 of the labelling guide) are shown although they are not formally part of the classification.

(b) the label, including:

(i) the letter assigned to the substance in accordance with Annex II (see Article 23(2)(c)). This acts as an abbreviation for the symbol and for the indication of danger (if these are assigned);

\( ^{(1)} \) The category of carcinogen, mutagen or toxic for reproduction (i.e. 1, 2 or 3) is shown as appropriate.

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(ii) the risk phrases, denoted as a series of numbers preceded by the letter R indicating the nature of the special risks, in accordance with Annex III (see Article 23(2)(d)). The numbers are separated by either:

- a dash (-) to denote separate statements concerning special risks (R), or

- an oblique stroke (/) to denote a combined statement, in a single sentence, of the special risks as set out in Annex III;

(iii) the safety phrases denoted as a series of numbers preceded by the letter S indicating the recommended safety precautions, in accordance with Annex IV (see Article 23(2)(e)). Again the numbers are separated by either a dash or an oblique stroke; the significance of recommended safety precautions are set out in Annex IV. The safety phrases shown apply only to substances; for preparations, phrases are selected according to the usual rules.

Note that for certain dangerous substances and preparations sold to the general public certain S-phrases are mandatory.

S1, S2 and S45 are obligatory for all very toxic, toxic and corrosive substances and preparations sold to the general public.

S2 and S46 are obligatory for all other dangerous substances and preparations sold to the general public other than those that have only been classified as dangerous for the environment.

Safety phrases S1 and S2 are shown in brackets in Annex I and can only be omitted from the label when the substance or preparation is sold for industrial use only.

(c) the concentration limits and associated classifications necessary to classify dangerous preparations containing the substance in accordance with Directive 1999/45/EC.
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Unless otherwise shown, the concentration limits are a percentage by weight of the substance calculated with reference to the total weight of the preparation.

Where no concentration limits are given, the concentration limits to be used when applying the conventional method of assessing health hazards are those in Annex II, and when applying the conventional method of assessing environmental hazards are those in Annex III of Directive 1999/45/EC.

General Explanatory Notes.

Groups of substances

A number of group entries are included in Annex I. In these cases, the classification and labelling requirements will apply to all substances covered by the description if they are placed on the market, insofar as they are listed in Einecs or Elincs. Where a substance that is covered by a group entry occurs as an impurity in another substance, the classification and labelling requirements described in the group entry shall be taken into account in the labelling of the substance.

In some cases, there are classification and labelling requirements for specific substances that would be covered by the group entry. In such cases a specific Annex I entry will be present for the substance and the group entry will be annotated with the phrase “except those specified elsewhere in this Annex”.

In some cases, individual substances may be covered by more than one group entry. Lead oxalate (Einecs No 212-413-5) is for instance covered by the entry for lead compounds (Index No 082-001-00-6) as well as for salts of oxalic acid (607-007-00-3). In these cases, the labelling of the substance reflects the labelling for each of the two group entries. In cases where different classifications for the same hazard are given, the classification leading to the more severe classification is used for the label of the particular substance (see section on Note A below).

Entries in Annex I for salts (under any denomination) cover both anhydrous and hydrous forms unless specifically specified otherwise.

Substances with an Elincs number

In Annex I, substances with an Elincs number have been notified under the provisions of this Directive. A producer or importer who has not previously notified these substances must refer to the provisions of this Directive if he intends to place these substances on the market.
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Explanation of the notes relating to the identification, classification and labelling of substances.

Note A:

The name of the substance must appear on the label in the form of one of the designations given in Annex I (see Article 23(2)(a)).

In Annex I, use is sometimes made of a general description such as “... compounds” or “... salts”. In this case, the manufacturer or any other person who markets such a substance is required to state on the label the correct name, due account being taken of the chapter entitled “Nomenclature” of the Foreword:

Example: for BeCl2 (Einecs No 232-116-4): beryllium chloride.

The Directive also requires that the symbols, indications of danger, R- and S-phrases to be used for each substance shall be those shown in Annex I (Article 23(2)(c), (d) and (e)).

For substances belonging to one particular group of substances included in Annex I, the symbols, indications of danger, R - and S- phrases to be used for each substance shall be those shown in the appropriate entry in Annex I.

For substances belonging to more than one group of substances included in Annex I, the symbols, indications of danger, R- and S-phrases to be used for each substance shall be those shown in both the appropriate entries given in Annex I. In cases where two different classifications are given in the two entries for the same hazard, the classification reflecting the more severe hazard classification is used.

Example:

for substance AB - no individual entry in Annex I:

Annex I group entry for compounds of A:
Repr. Cat. 1; R61 Repr. Cat. 3; R62 Xn; R20/22 R33 N; R50-53

Annex I group entry for compounds of B:
Carc. Cat.1; R45 T; R23/25 N; R51-53

Classification of substance AB thus becomes:
Carc. Cat. 1; R45 Repr. Cat. 1; R61 Repr. Cat. 3; R62 T; R23/25 R33 N; R50-53
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Note B

Some substances (acids, bases, etc.) are placed on the market in aqueous solutions at various concentrations and, therefore, these solutions require different labelling since the hazards vary at different concentrations.

In Annex I entries with Note B have a general designation of the following type: “nitric acid ...%”.

In this case the manufacturer or any other person who markets such a substance in aqueous solution must state the percentage concentration of the solution on the label.

Example: nitric acid 45%.

Unless otherwise stated, it is assumed that the percentage concentration is calculated on a weight/weight basis.

The use of additional data (e.g. specific gravity, degrees Baumé) or descriptive phrases (e.g. fuming or glacial) is permissible.

Note C:

Some organic substances may be marketed either in a specific isomeric form or as a mixture of several isomers.

In Annex I, a general designation of the following type is sometimes used: “xylenol”.

In this case the manufacturer or any other person who markets such a substance must state on the label whether the substance is a specific isomer (a) or a mixture of isomers (b).

Example:

(a) 2,4-dimethylphenol
(b) xylenol (mixture of isomers).

Note D:

Certain substances which are susceptible to spontaneous polymerisation or decomposition are generally placed on the market in a stabilised form. It is in this form that they are listed in Annex I to this Directive.

However, such substances are sometimes placed on the market in a non-stabilised form. In this case, the manufacturer or any person who places such
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A substance on the market must state on the label the name of the substance followed by the words “non-stabilised”.

Example: methacrylic acid (non-stabilised).

Note E:

Substances with specific effects on human health (see Chapter 4 of Annex VI) that are classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic and/or toxic for reproduction in categories 1 or 2 are ascribed Note E if they are also classified as very toxic (T+), toxic (T) or harmful (Xn). For these substances, the risk phrases R20, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25, R26, R27, R28, R39, R68 (harmful), R48 and R65 and all combinations of these risk phrases shall be preceded by the word “Also”.

Examples:

R45-23 “May cause cancer. Also toxic by inhalation”

R46-27/28 “May cause heritable genetic damage. Also very toxic in contact with skin and if swallowed”.

Note F:

This substance may contain a stabiliser. If the stabiliser changes the dangerous properties of the substance, as indicated by the label in Annex I, a label should be provided in accordance with the rules for the labelling of dangerous preparations.

Note G:

This substance may be marketed in an explosive form in which case it must be evaluated using the appropriate test methods and a label should be provided reflecting its explosive property.

Note H:

The classification and label shown for this substance applies to the dangerous property(ies) indicated by the risk phrase(s) in combination with the category(ies) of danger shown. The requirements of Article 6 of this Directive on manufacturers, distributors and importers of this substance apply to all other aspects of classification and labelling. The final label shall follow the requirements of section 7 of Annex VI of this Directive.

This note applies to certain coal- and oil-derived substances and to certain entries for groups of substances in Annex I.
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Note J:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance contains less than 0.1 % w/w benzene (Einecs No 200-753-7). This note applies only to certain complex coal- and oil-derived substances in Annex I.

Note K:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance contains less than 0.1 % w/w 1,3-butadiene (Einecs No 203-450-8). If the substance is not classified as a carcinogen, at least the S-phrases (2-)9-16 should apply. This note applies only to certain complex oil-derived substances in Annex I.

Note L:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance contains less than 3 % DMSO extract as measured by IP 346. This note applies only to certain complex oil-derived substances in Annex I.

Note M:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance contains less than 0.005 % w/w benzo[a]-pyrene (Einecs No 200-028-5). This note applies only to certain complex coal-derived substances in Annex I.

Note N:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if the full refining history is known and it can be shown that the substance from which it is produced is not a carcinogen. This note applies only to certain complex oil-derived substances in Annex I.

Note P:

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance contains less than 0.1 % w/w benzene (Einecs No 200-753-7).

When the substance is classified as a carcinogen, Note E shall also apply. When the substance is not classified as a carcinogen at least the S-phrases (2-)23-24-62 shall apply.

This note applies only to certain complex oil-derived substances in Annex I.
The classification as a carcinogen need not apply if it can be shown that the substance fulfils one of the following conditions:

- a short term biopersistence test by inhalation has shown that the fibres longer than 20 µm have a weighted half-life less than 10 days, or

- a short term biopersistence test by intratracheal instillation has shown that the fibres longer than 20 µm have a weighted half-life less than 40 days, or

- an appropriate intra-peritoneal test has shown no evidence of excess carcinogenicity, or

- absence of relevant pathogenicity or neoplastic changes in a suitable long term inhalation test.

The classification as a carcinogen need not apply to fibres with a length weighted geometric mean diameter less two standard geometric errors greater than 6µm.

This substance may not require a label according to Article 23 (see Section 8 of Annex VI).

The significance of the notes that appear to the right of the concentration limits is as follows:

The concentration stated or, in the absence of such concentrations, the general concentrations of Directive 1999/45/EC are the percentages by weight of the metallic element calculated with reference to the total weight of the preparation.
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The concentration of isocyanate stated is the percentage by weight of the free monomer calculated with reference to the total weight of the preparation.

*Note 3:*

The concentration stated is the percentage by weight of chromate ions dissolved in water calculated with reference to the total weight of the preparation.

*Note 4:*

Preparations containing these substances have to be classified as harmful with R65 if they meet the criteria in Section 3.2.3 in Annex VI.
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Note 5:

The concentration limits for gaseous preparations are expressed as volume per volume percentage.

Note 6:

Preparations containing these substances have to be assigned R67 if they meet the criteria in Section 3.2.8 in Annex VI.

This note will no longer apply from the date on which the criteria for the use of R67 provided for in Directive 1999/45/EC enter into force.
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- Lista de los elementos químicos clasificados por su número atómico (Z)
- Liste over grundeoffer, ordnet efter deres atomvægt (Z)
- Liste der chemischen Elemente, geordnet nach der Ordnungszahl (Z)
- Κατάλογος οιματικών στοιχείων κατά την οργανική τους σειρά (Z)
- List of chemical elements listed according to their atomic number (Z)
- Liste des éléments chimiques classés selon leur numéro atomique (Z)
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1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1. The object of classification is to identify all the physicochemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological properties of substances and preparations which may constitute a risk during normal handling or use. Having identified any hazardous properties the substance or preparation must then be labelled to indicate the hazard(s) in order to protect the user, the general public and the environment.

1.2. This Annex sets out the general principles governing the classification and labelling of substances and preparations referred to in Article 4 of this Directive and in Article 4 of Directive 1999/45/EC and other relevant Directives on dangerous preparations.

It is addressed to all those concerned (manufacturers, importers, national authorities) with methods of classifying and labelling dangerous substances and preparations.

1.3. The requirements of this Directive and of Directive 1999/45/EC are intended to provide a primary means by which the general public and persons at work are given essential information about dangerous substances and preparations. The label draws the attention of persons handling or using substances and preparations to the inherent danger of certain such materials.

The label may also serve to draw attention to more comprehensive product information on safety and use available in other forms.

1.4. The label takes account of all potential hazards which are likely to be faced in the normal handling and use of dangerous substances and preparations when in the form in which they are placed on the market, but not necessarily in any different form in which they may finally be used, e.g. diluted. The most severe hazards are highlighted by symbols, such hazards and those arising from other dangerous properties are specified in standard risk phrases, and safety phrases give advice on necessary precautions.

In the case of substances, the information is completed by the name of the substance under an internationally recognised chemical nomenclature, the preferred name being the one used in the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (Einecs), or in the European List of Notified Chemical Substances (Elincs), the EC number and the name, address and telephone number of the person established in the Community who is responsible for placing the substance on the market.

In the case of preparations, the information in accordance with Article 10.2. of Directive 1999/45/EC, is completed by:
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- the trade name or the designation of the preparation;

- the chemical name of the substance or substances present in the preparation; and

- the name, full address and telephone number of the person established in the Community who is responsible for placing the preparation on the market.

1.5. Article 6 requires that manufacturers, distributors and importers of dangerous substances which appear in the Einecs but which have not yet been introduced into Annex I shall be obliged to carry out an investigation to make themselves aware of the relevant and accessible data which exist concerning the properties of such substances. On the basis of this information, they shall package and provisionally label these substances according to the rules laid down in Articles 22 to 25 and the criteria in this Annex.

1.6. Data required for classification and labelling

1.6.1. For substances the data required for classification and labelling may be obtained:

(a) as regards substances for which the information specified in Annex VII is required, most of the necessary data for classification and labelling appear in the ‘base set’. This classification and labelling must be reviewed, if necessary, when further information is available (Annex VIII);

(b) as regards other substances (e.g. those referred to in section 1.5 above), the data required for classification and labelling may, if necessary, be obtained from a number of different sources, for example:

- the results of previous tests;

- information required by international rules on the transport of dangerous substances;

- information taken from reference works and the literature; or

- information derived from practical experience.

The results of validated structure-activity relationships and expert judgement may also be taken into account where appropriate.
1.6.2. For preparations, normally the data required for classification and labelling may be obtained:

(a) if it concerns physicochemical data, by the application of the methods specified in Annex V. This applies also to preparations covered by Directive 91/414/EEC unless other internationally recognised methods are acceptable in accordance with the provisions of Annexes II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC (Article 5.5 of Directive 1999/45/EC). For gaseous preparations a calculation method may be used for flammable and oxidising properties (see 9.1.1.1 and 9.1.1.2). For non-gaseous preparations containing organic peroxides a calculation method may be used for oxidising properties (see 2.2.2.1).

(b) if it concerns data on health effects:

- by the application of the methods specified in Annex V, unless, in the case of plant protection products, other internationally recognised methods are acceptable in accordance with the provisions of Annexes II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC (Article 6.1 (b) of Directive 1999/45/EC),

- and/or by the application of a conventional method referred to in Article 6 and Annex II, Parts A. 1. - 6. and B. 1. - 5. of Directive 1999/45/EC, or,

- in the case of R65, by the application of the rules under 3.2.3

- however, if it concerns the evaluation of the carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxicity properties, by the application of a conventional method referred to in Article 6 and Annex II, Parts A. 7. - 9. and B. 6. of Directive 1999/45/EC.

(c) if it concerns data on ecotoxicological properties

(i) for aquatic toxicity only:

- by the application of the methods specified in Annex V, subject to the conditions referred to in Annex III Part C of Directive 1999/45/EC, unless, in the case of plant protection products, other internationally recognised methods are acceptable in accordance with the provisions
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of Annexes II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC (Article 7. 1. (b) of Directive 1999/45/EC), or

- by application of a conventional method referred to in Article 7 and Annex III, Parts A and B, of Directive 1999/45/EC.

(ii) for the evaluation of the potential for (or actual) bioaccumulation through the determination of log Pow (or BCF), or the evaluation of degradability, by application of a conventional method referred to in Article 7 and Annex III, Parts A and B, of Directive 1999/45/EC.

(iii) for dangers of the ozone layer by application of a conventional method referred to in Article 7 and Annex III, Parts A and B, of Directive 1999/45/EC.

Note concerning the performance of animal tests

The performance of animal tests to establish experimental data is subject to the provisions of Directive 86/609/EEC regarding the protection of animals used for experimental purposes.

Note concerning physicochemical properties

For organic peroxides and organic peroxide preparations data may be derived from the calculation method set out in Chapter 9.5. For gaseous preparations a calculation method may be used for flammable and oxidising properties (see chapter 9).

1.7. Application of the guide criteria

Classification must cover the physicochemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological properties of substances and preparations.

Classification of substances and preparations is made according to Chapter 1.6, on the basis of the criteria in Chapters 2 to 5 (substances) and Chapters 2, 3, 4.2.4 and 5 of this Annex. All types of hazard must be considered. For instance, classification under 3.2.1 does not imply that the sections such as 3.2.2 or 3.2.4 can be ignored.

The choice of symbol(s) and risk phrase(s) is made on the basis of the classification in order to ensure that the specific nature of the potential dangers identified in classification is expressed on the label.
1.7.1. Definitions

‘Substances’ means chemical elements and their compounds in the natural state or obtained by any production process, including any additive necessary to preserve the stability of the product, and any impurity deriving from the production process used, but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition.

A substance may be chemically very well defined (e.g. acetone) or a complex mixture of constituents of variable composition (e.g. aromatic distillates). For certain complex substances, some individual constituents have been identified.

‘Preparations’ means mixtures or solutions composed of two or more substances.

1.7.2. Application of the guide criteria for substances

The guidance criteria set out in this Annex are directly applicable when the data in question have been obtained from test methods comparable with those described in Annex V. In other cases, the available data must be evaluated by comparing the test methods employed with those indicated in Annex V and the rules specified in this Annex for determining the appropriate classification and labelling.

In some cases there may be doubt over the application of the relevant criteria, especially where these require the use of expert judgement. In such cases the manufacturer, distributor or importer should provisionally classify and label the substance on the basis of an assessment of the evidence by a competent person.

Without prejudice to Article 6, where the above procedure has been followed and there is concern over possible inconsistencies then a proposal may be submitted for the entry of the provisional classification into Annex I. The proposal should be made to one of the Member States and should be accompanied by appropriate scientific data (see also section 4.1).

A similar procedure may be followed when information is identified which gives cause for concern over the accuracy of an existing entry in Annex I.
1.7.2.1. Classification of substances containing impurities, additives or individual constituents

Where impurities, additives or individual constituents of substances have been identified, they shall be taken into account if their concentration is greater than or equal to the limits specified:

- 0.1% for substances classified as very toxic, toxic, carcinogenic (category 1 or 2), mutagenic (category 1 or 2), toxic to reproduction (category 1 or 2), or dangerous for the environment (assigned the symbol ‘N’ for the aquatic environment, dangerous for the ozone layer)

- 1% for substances classified as harmful, corrosive, irritant sensitising, carcinogenic (category 3), mutagenic (category 3), toxic to reproduction (category 3), or dangerous for the environment (not assigned the symbol ‘N’, i.e. harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects)

unless lower values have been specified in Annex I.

With the exception of substances listed specifically in Annex I, classification should be carried out according to the requirements of Articles 5, 6 and 7 of Council Directive 1999/45/EC.

In the case of asbestos (650-013-006) this general rule does not apply until a concentration limit has been fixed in Annex I. Substances in which asbestos is present must be classified and labelled according to the principles in Article 6 of this Directive.

1.7.3. Application of the guide criteria for preparations

The guidance criteria set out in this Annex are directly applicable when the data in question have been obtained from test methods comparable with those described in Annex V with the exception of the criteria of Chapter 4 for which only the conventional method is applicable. A conventional method is also applicable in relation to the criteria of Chapter 5, with the exception of aquatic toxicity, subject to the conditions referred to in Annex III Part C of Directive 1999/45/EC. For preparations covered by Directive 91/414/EEC data for classification and labelling are also acceptable from other internationally recognised methods (see special provisions in Section 1.6 of this Annex). In other cases, the available data must be evaluated by comparing the test methods employed with those indicated in Annex V and the rules specified in this Annex for determining the appropriate classification and labelling.
Where the health and environmental hazards are assessed by applying a conventional method referred to in Articles 6 and 7 and Annexes II and III of Directive 1999/45/EC the individual concentration limits to be used are those set out either:

- in Annex I to this Directive, or


In the case of preparations containing mixtures of gases, classification with respect to the health and environmental effects will be established by the calculation method on the basis of the individual concentration limits from Annex I to this Directive or when these limits are not in Annex I on the basis of the criteria of Annexes II and III of Directive 1999/45/EC.

1.7.3.1. Preparations or substances described in Section 1.7.2.1 used as constituents of another preparation

The labelling of such preparations must be in conformity with the provisions of Article 10 according to the principles set out in Articles 3 and 4 of Directive 1999/45/EC. However, in certain cases, the information on the label of the preparation or substance described in Section 1.7.2.1 is insufficient to enable other manufacturers who wish to use it as a constituent of their own preparation(s) to carry out the classification and labelling of their preparation(s) correctly.

In these cases, the person established within the Community responsible for placing the original preparation or substance described in Section 1.7.2.1 on the market, whether it be the manufacturer, the importer or the distributor shall supply upon justified request and as soon as possible all necessary data concerning the dangerous substances present to enable correct classification and labelling of the new preparation. This data is also necessary to enable the person responsible for placing the new preparation on the market to comply with other requirements of Directive 1999/45/EC.

2. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

2.1. Introduction

The test methods relating to explosive, oxidising and flammable properties included in Annex V serve to give specific meaning to the general
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definitions given in Article 2 (2) (a) to (e). Criteria follow directly from the test methods in Annex V as far as they are mentioned.

If adequate information is available to demonstrate in practice that the physicochemical properties of substances and preparations (apart from organic peroxides) are different from those revealed by the test methods given in Annex V, then such substances and preparations should be classified according to the hazard they present, if any, to those handling the substances and preparations or to other persons.

2.2. Criteria for classification, choice of symbols, indication of danger and choice of risk phrases

In the case of preparations, the criteria referred to in Article 5 of Directive 1999/45/EC need to be taken into consideration.

2.2.1. Explosive

Substances and preparations shall be classified as explosive and assigned the symbol ‘E’ and the indication of danger ‘explosive’ in accordance with the results of the tests given in Annex V and in so far as the substances and preparations are explosive as placed on the market. One risk phrase is obligatory, it is to be specified on the basis of the following:

R2 Risk of explosion by shock, friction, fire or other sources of ignition

- substances and preparations except those set out below.

R3 Extreme risk of explosion by shock, friction, fire or other source of ignition

- substances and preparations which are particularly sensitive such as picric acid salts or PETN.

2.2.2. Oxidising

Substances and preparations shall be classified as oxidising and assigned the symbol ‘O’ and the indication of danger ‘oxidising’ in accordance with the results of the tests given in Annex V. One risk phrase is obligatory, it is to be specified on the basis of the test results but subject to the following:

R7 May cause fire

- organic peroxides which have flammable properties even when not in contact with other combustible material.
R8 Contact with combustible material may cause fire

- other oxidising substances and preparations, including inorganic peroxides, which may cause fire or enhance the risk of fire when in contact with combustible material.

R9 Explosive when mixed with combustible material

- other substances and preparations, including inorganic peroxides, which become explosive when mixed with combustible materials, e.g. certain chlorates.

2.2.2.1. *Remarks concerning peroxides*

For the explosive properties, an organic peroxide or preparation thereof in the form in which it is placed on the market is classified according to the criteria in section 2.2.1. on the basis of tests carried out in accordance with the methods given in Annex V.

For the oxidising properties the existing methods in Annex V cannot be applied to organic peroxides.

For substances, organic peroxides not already classified as explosive are classified as dangerous on the basis of their structure (e.g. R-O-O-H; R1-O-O-R2).

Preparations not already classified as explosive shall be classified using the calculation method based on the percentage of active oxygen shown in Section 9.5.

Any organic peroxide or preparation thereof not already classified as explosive is classified as oxidising, if the peroxide or its formulation contains:

- more than 5% of organic peroxides, or
- more than 0.5% available oxygen from the organic peroxides, and more than 5% hydrogen peroxide

2.2.3. Extremely flammable

Substances and preparations shall be classified as extremely flammable and assigned the symbol ‘F+’ and the indication of danger ‘extremely flammable’ in accordance with the results of the tests given in Annex V. The risk phrase shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria:
R12  Extremely flammable

- Liquid substances and preparations which have a flash point lower than 0 °C and a boiling point (or in case of a boiling range the initial boiling point) lower than or equal to 35 °C.

- Gaseous substances and preparations which are flammable in contact with air at ambient temperature and pressure.

2.2.4. Highly flammable

Substances and preparations shall be classified as highly flammable and assigned the symbol ‘F’ and the indication of danger ‘highly flammable’ in accordance with the results of the tests given in Annex V. Risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria:

R11  Highly flammable

- Solid substances and preparations which may readily catch fire after brief contact with a source of ignition and which continue to burn or to be consumed after removal of the source of ignition.

- Liquid substances and preparations having a flash point below 21°C but which are not extremely flammable.

R15  Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases

- Substances and preparations which, in contact with water or damp air, evolve extremely flammable gases in dangerous quantities, at a minimum rate of one litre per kilogram per hour.

R17  Spontaneously flammable in air

- Substances and preparations which may become hot and finally catch fire in contact with air at ambient temperature without any input of energy.

2.2.5. Flammable

Substances and preparations shall be classified as flammable in accordance with the results of the tests given in Annex V. The risk phrase shall be assigned in accordance with the criteria mentioned below.

R10  Flammable
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- Liquid substances and preparations having a flash point equal to or greater than 21 ºC, and less than or equal to 55 ºC.

However, in practice it has been shown that a preparation having a flash point equal to or greater than 21 ºC and less than or equal to 55 ºC need not be classified as flammable if the preparation could not in any way support combustion and only so long as there is no reason to fear risks to those handling these preparations or to other persons.

2.2.6. Other physicochemical properties

Additional risk phrases shall be assigned to substances and preparations which have been classified by virtue of Sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.5 above or by Chapter 3, 4 and 5 below, in accordance with the following criteria (based on experience obtained during compilation of Annex I):

R1 Explosive when dry

For explosive substances and preparations put on the market in solution or in a wetted form, e.g. nitrocellulose with more than 12.6 % nitrogen.

R4 Forms very sensitive explosive metallic compounds

For substances and preparations which may form sensitive explosive metallic derivatives, e.g. picric acid, styphnic acid.

R5 Heating may cause an explosion

For thermally unstable substances and preparations not classified as explosive, e.g. perchloric acid > 50 %.

R6 Explosive with or without contact with air

For substances and preparations which are unstable at ambient temperatures, e.g. acetylene.

R7 May cause fire

For reactive substances and preparations, e.g. fluorine, sodium hydrosulphite.

R14 Reacts violently with water
R16  Explosive when mixed with oxidising substances

For substances and preparations which react explosively with an oxidising agent, e.g. red phosphorus.

R18  In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture

For preparations not in themselves classified as flammable, which contain volatile components which are flammable in air.

R19  May form explosive peroxides

For substances and preparations which may form explosive peroxides during storage, e.g. diethyl ether, 1,4- dioxan

R30  Can become highly flammable in use

For preparations not in themselves classified as flammable, which may become flammable due to the loss of non-flammable volatile components.

R44  Risk of explosion if heated under confinement

For substances and preparations not in themselves classified as explosive in accordance with Section 2.2.1 above but which may nevertheless display explosive properties in practice if heated under sufficient confinement. For example, certain substances which would decompose explosively if heated in a steel drum do not show this effect if heated in less-strong containers.

For other additional risk phrases see Section 3.2.8.

3. **CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

3.1. **Introduction**

3.1.1. Classification is concerned with both the acute and long-term effects of substances and preparations, whether resulting from a single instance of exposure or repeated or prolonged exposure.
Where it can be demonstrated by epidemiological studies, by scientifically valid case studies as specified in this Annex or by statistically backed experience, such as the assessment of data from poison information units or concerning occupational diseases, that toxicological effects on man differ from those suggested by the application of the methods outlined in Section 1.6 of this Annex, then the substance or preparation shall be classified according to its effects on man. However, tests on man should be discouraged and should not normally be used to negate positive animal data.

Directive 86/609/EEC seeks to protect animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes. For several endpoints there are validated in vitro test methods in Annex V of this Directive and these tests should be used where appropriate.

3.1.2. The classification of substances must be made on the basis of the experimental data available in accordance with the following criteria which take into account the magnitude of these effects:

(a) for acute toxicity (lethal and irreversible effects after a single exposure), the criteria under Sections 3.2.1 to 3.2.3 are to be used,

(b) for sub-acute, sub-chronic or chronic toxicity the criteria under Sections 3.2.2 to 3.2.4 are to be used,

(c) for corrosive and irritant effects the criteria under Sections 3.2.5 and 3.2.6 are to be used,

(d) for sensitising effects the criteria under Section 3.2.7 are to be used,

(e) for specific effects on health (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and reproductive toxicity), the criteria in Chapter 4 are to be used.

3.1.3. For preparations, the classification relating to dangerous for health is carried out:

(a) on the basis of a conventional method referred to in Article 6 and Annex II of Directive 1999/45/EC in the absence of experimental data. In this case, the classification is based on the individual concentration limits:

- either taken from Annex I to this Directive, or
3.1.4. When the classification is to be established from experimental results obtained in animal tests the results should have validity for man in that the tests reflect, in an appropriate way, the risks to man.

3.1.5. The acute oral toxicity of substances or preparations placed on the market may be established either by a method permitting assessment of the LD50 value, or by determining the discriminating dose (the fixed dose method, or by determining the range of exposure where lethality is expected (the acute toxic class method).

3.1.5.1. The discriminating dose is the dose which causes evident toxicity but not mortality and must be one of the four dosage levels specified in Annex V (5, 50, 500 or 2 000 mg per kg body weight).

The concept ‘evident toxicity’ is used to designate toxic effects, after exposure to the substance tested, which are so severe that exposure to the next highest fixed dose would probably lead to mortality.

The results of testing at a particular dose following the fixed dose method may be either:

- less than 100 % survival,
- 100 % survival, but evident toxicity,

- 100 % survival, but no evident toxicity.

In the criteria in sections 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 only the final test result is shown. The 2 000 mg/kg dose should be used primarily to obtain information on the toxic effects of substances which are of low acute toxicity and which are not classified on the basis of acute toxicity.

The fixed dose method requires in some cases testing at higher or lower doses, if not already tested at the relevant dose level. Refer also to the evaluation table in test method B.1 bis.

3.1.5.2. The range of exposure where lethality is expected is derived from the observed absence or presence of substance related mortality following the acute toxic class method. For initial testing one of three fixed starting doses (25, 200 or 2 000 mg per kg body weight) is used.

The acute toxic class method requires in some cases testing at higher or lower doses, if not already tested at the relevant dose level. Refer also to the test procedure flow charts in test method B.1 tris of Annex V.

3.2. **Criteria for classification, choice of symbols, indication of danger, choice of risk phrases**

3.2.1. Very toxic

Substances and preparations shall be classified as very toxic, and assigned the symbol ‘T+’ and indication of danger ‘very toxic’ in accordance with the criteria specified below.

Risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria:

**R28** Very toxic if swallowed

Acute toxicity results:

- LD50 oral, rat < 25 mg/kg,

- less than 100 % survival at 5 mg/kg oral, rat by the fixed dose procedure, or

- high mortality at doses < 25 mg/kg oral, rat, by the acute toxic class method (for test result interpretation see flow charts in Annex 2 of test method B.1 tris of Annex V).
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R27 Very toxic in contact with skin

Acute toxicity results:

- LD$_{50}$ dermal, rat or rabbit: \( \leq 50 \text{ mg/kg} \).

R26 Very toxic by inhalation

Acute toxicity results:

- LC$_{50}$ inhalation, rat, for aerosols or particulates: \( \leq 0.25 \text{ mg/litre/4hr} \),
- LC$_{50}$ inhalation, rat, for gases and vapours: \( \leq 0.5 \text{ mg/litre/4hr} \).

R39 Danger of very serious irreversible effects

- Strong evidence that irreversible damage other than the effects referred to in Chapter 4 is likely to be caused by a single exposure by an appropriate route, generally in the above-mentioned dose range.

In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure one of the following combinations shall be used: R39/26, R39/27, R39/28, R39/26/27, R39/26/28, R39/27/28, R39/26/27/28.

3.2.2. Toxic

Substances and preparations shall be classified as toxic and assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the indication of danger ‘toxic’ in accordance with the criteria specified below. Risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria.

R25 Toxic if swallowed

Acute toxicity results:

- LD$_{50}$ oral, rat: \( 25 < \text{LD$_{50}$} \leq 200 \text{mg/kg} \),
- Discriminating dose, oral, rat, 5 mg/kg: 100 % survival but evident toxicity, or
- high mortality in the dose range \( > 25 \) to \( \leq 200 \text{ mg/kg} \) oral, rat, by the acute toxic class method (for test result interpretation see flow charts in Annex 2 of test method B.1 tris of Annex V).
R24 Toxic in contact with skin

Acute toxicity results:
- \( \text{LD}_{50} \) dermal, rat or rabbit: \( 50 < \text{LD}_{50} \leq 400 \text{ mg/kg} \).

R23 Toxic by inhalation

Acute toxicity results:
- \( \text{LC}_{50} \) inhalation, rat, for aerosols or particulates: \( 0.25 < \text{LC}_{50} \leq 1 \text{ mg/litre/4hr} \),
- \( \text{LC}_{50} \) inhalation, rat, for gases and vapours: \( 0.5 < \text{LC}_{50} \leq 2 \text{ mg/litre/4hr} \).

R39 Danger of very serious irreversible effects

- strong evidence that irreversible damage other than the effects referred to in Chapter 4 is likely to be caused by a single exposure by an appropriate route, generally in the above-mentioned dose range.

In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure one of the following combinations shall be used: R39/23, R39/24, R39/25, R39/23/24, R39/23/25, R39/24/25, R39/23/24/25.

R48 Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure

- serious damage (clear functional disturbance or morphological change which have toxicological significance) is likely to be caused by repeated or prolonged exposure by an appropriate route.

Substances and preparations are classified at least as toxic when these effects are observed at levels of one order of magnitude lower (i.e. 10-fold) than those set out for R48 in Section 3.2.3.

In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure one of the following combinations shall be used: R48/23, R48/24, R48/25, R48/23/24, R48/23/25, R48/24/25, R48/23/24/25.

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Substances and preparations shall be classified as harmful and assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the indication of danger ‘harmful’ in accordance with the criteria specified below. Risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria:

R22 Harmful if swallowed

Acute toxicity results:

- LD₅₀ per oral, rat: 200 < LD₅₀ ≤ 2000 mg/kg.
- discriminating dose, oral, rat, 50 mg/kg: 100 % survival but evident toxicity,
- less than 100 % survival at 500 mg/kg, rat oral by the fixed dose procedure. Refer to the evaluation table in the test method B.1 bis of Annex V, or
- high mortality in the dose range > 200 to ≤ 2 000 mg/kg oral, rat, by the acute toxic class method (for test result interpretation see flow charts in Annex 2 of test method B.1 tris of Annex V).

R21 Harmful in contact with skin

Acute toxicity results:

- LD₅₀ dermal, rat or rabbit: 400 < LD₅₀ ≤ 2 000 mg/kg.

R20 Harmful by inhalation

Acute toxicity results:

- LC₅₀ inhalation, rat, for aerosols or particulates: 1 < LC₅₀ ≤ 5 mg/litre/4hr,
- LC₅₀ inhalation, rat, for gases or vapours: 2 < LC₅₀ ≤ 20 mg/litre/4hr.

R65 Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed

Liquid substances and preparations presenting an aspiration hazard in humans because of their low viscosity:
(a) For substances and preparations containing aliphatic, alicyclic and aromatic hydrocarbons in a total concentration equal to or greater than 10% and having either

- a flow time of less than 30 sec. in a 3 mm ISO cup according to ISO 2431 (April 1996 / July 1999 edition) relating to ‘Paints and varnishes - Determination of flow time by use of flow cups’,

- a kinematic viscosity measured by a calibrated glass capillary viscometer in accordance with ISO 3104/3105 of less than $7 \times 10^{-6}$ m$^2$/sec at 40°C (ISO 3104, 1994 edition, relating to ‘Petroleum products - Transparent and opaque liquids - Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity’; ISO 3105, 1994 edition, relating to ‘Glass capillary kinematic viscometers - Specifications and operating instructions’), or

- a kinematic viscosity derived from measurements of rotational viscometry in accordance with ISO 3219 of less than $7 \times 10^{-6}$ m$^2$/sec at 40°C (ISO 3219, 1993 edition, relating to ‘Plastics - Polymers/resins in the liquid state or as emulsions or dispersions - Determination of viscosity using a rotational viscometer with defined shear rate’).

Note that substances and preparations meeting these criteria need not be classified if they have a mean surface tension greater than 33mN/m at 25°C as measured by the du Nouy tensiometer or by the test methods shown in Annex V Part A.5.

(b) For substances and preparations, based on practical experience in humans.

R68 Possible risk of irreversible effects

- strong evidence that irreversible damage other than the effects referred to in Chapter 4 is likely to be caused by a single exposure by an appropriate route, generally in the above-mentioned dose range.

In order to indicate route of administration/exposure one of the following combinations shall be used: R68/20, R68/21, R68/22, R68/20/21, R68/20/22, R68/21/22, R68/20/21/22.

R48 Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure
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- Serious damage (clear functional disturbance or morphological change which has toxicological significance) is likely to be caused by repeated or prolonged exposure by an appropriate route.

Substances and preparations are classified at least as harmful when these effects are observed at levels of the order of:

- Oral, rat ≤ 50 mg/kg (bodyweight)/day,
- Dermal, rat or rabbit ≤ 100 mg/kg (bodyweight)/day,
- Inhalation, rat ≤ 0.25 mg/l, 6h/day.

These guide values can apply directly when severe lesions have been observed in a sub-chronic (90 days) toxicity test. When interpreting the results of a sub-acute (28 days) toxicity test these figures should be increased approximately three fold. If a chronic (two years) toxicity test is available it should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If results of studies of more than one duration are available, then those from the study of the longest duration should normally be used.

In order to indicate route of administration/exposure one of the following combinations shall be used: R48/20, R48/21, R48/22, R48/20/21, R48/20/22, R48/21/22, R48/20/21/22.

3.2.3.1. Comments regarding volatile substances

For certain substances with a high saturated vapour concentration evidence may be available to indicate effects that give cause for concern. Such substances may not be classified under the criteria for health effects in this guide (3.2.3) or not covered by Section 3.2.8. However, where there is appropriate evidence that such substances may present a risk in normal handling and use then classification on a case-by-case basis in Annex I may be necessary.

3.2.4. Comments regarding the use of R48

Use of this risk phrase refers to the specific range of biological effects within the terms described below. For application of this risk phrase serious damage to health is to be considered to include death, clear functional disturbance or morphological changes which are toxicologically significant. It is particularly important when these changes are irreversible. It is also important to consider not only specific severe changes in a single organ or biological system but also generalised changes of a less severe nature involving several organs, or severe changes in general health status.
When assessing whether there is evidence for these types of effects reference should be made to the following guidelines:

1. Evidence indicating that R48 should be applied:

   (a) substance-related deaths;

   (b)

      (i) major functional changes in the central or peripheral nervous systems, including sight, hearing and the sense of smell, assessed by clinical observations or other appropriate methods (e.g. electrophysiology);

      (ii) major functional changes in other organ systems (for example the lung);

   (c) any consistent changes in clinical biochemistry, haematology or urinalysis parameters which indicate severe organ dysfunction. Haematological disturbances are considered to be particularly important if the evidence suggests that they are due to decreased bone marrow production of blood cells;

   (d) severe organ damage noted on microscopic examination following autopsy:

      (i) widespread or severe necrosis, fibrosis or granuloma formation in vital organs with regenerative capacity (e.g. liver);

      (ii) severe morphological changes that are potentially reversible but are clear evidence of marked organ dysfunction (e.g. severe fatty change in the liver, severe acute tubular nephrosis in the kidney, ulcerative gastritis); or

      (iii) evidence of appreciable cell death in vital organs incapable of regeneration (e.g. fibrosis of the myocardium or dying back of a nerve) or in stem cell populations (e.g. aplasia or hypoplasia of the bone marrow).

The above evidence will most usually be obtained from animal experiments. When considering data derived from practical experience special attention should be given to exposure levels.
2. Evidence indicating that R48 should not be applied:

The use of this risk phrase is restricted to ‘serious damage to health by prolonged exposure’. A number of substance-related effects may be observed in both humans and animals that would not justify the use of R48. These effects are relevant when attempting to determine a no-effect level for a chemical substance.

Examples of well documented changes which would not normally justify classification with R48, irrespective of their statistical significance, include:

(a) clinical observations or changes in bodyweight gain, food consumption or water intake, which may have some toxicological importance but which do not, by themselves, indicate ‘serious damage’;

(b) small changes in clinical biochemistry, haematology or urinalysis parameters which are of doubtful or minimal toxicological importance;

(c) changes in organ weights with no evidence of organ dysfunction;

(d) adaptative responses (e.g. macrophage migration in the lung, liver hypertrophy and enzyme induction, hyperplastic responses to irritants). Local effects on the skin produced by repeated dermal application of a substance which are more appropriately classified with R38 ‘irritating to skin’; or

(e) where a species-specific mechanism of toxicity (e.g. specific metabolic pathways) has been demonstrated.

3.2.5. Corrosive

The substance or preparation shall be classified as corrosive and assigned the symbol ‘C’ and the indication of danger ‘corrosive’ in accordance with the following criteria:

- A substance or a preparation is considered to be corrosive if, when it is applied to healthy intact animal skin, it produces full thickness destruction of skin tissue on at least one animal during the test for skin irritation cited in Annex V or during an equivalent method.
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- Classification can be based on the results of a validated in vitro test, such as that cited in Annex V (B.40. Skin corrosion: rat skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay and human skin model assay.)

- A substance or a preparation should also be considered corrosive if the result can be predicted, for example from strongly acid or alkaline reactions indicated by a pH of 2 or less or 11.5 or greater. However, where extreme pH is the basis for classification, acid/alkali reserve\(^1\) may also be taken into consideration. If consideration of alkali/acid reserve suggests the substance or preparation may not be corrosive then further testing should be carried out to confirm this, preferably by use of an appropriate validated in vitro test. Consideration of acid/alkali reserve should not be used alone to exonerate substances or preparations from classification as corrosive.

Risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria:

R35 Causes severe burns

- if, when applied to healthy intact animal skin, full thickness destruction of skin tissue occurs as a result of up to three minutes exposure, or if this result can be predicted.

R34 Causes burns

- if, when applied to healthy intact animal skin, full thickness destruction of skin tissue occurs as a result of up to four hours exposure, or if this result can be predicted,

- organic hydroperoxides, except where evidence to the contrary is available.

Notes:

Where classification is based on results of a validated in vitro test R35 or R34 should be applied according to the capacity of the test method to discriminate between these.

Where classification is based upon consideration of extreme pH alone, R35 should be applied.

\(^1\) J.R. Young, M.J. How, A.P. Walker and W.M.H. Worth (1988) “Classification as corrosive or irritant to skin of preparations containing acidic or alkaline substances, without testing on animals” Toxic. In Vitro 2(1): 19-26

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3.2.6. Irritant

Substances and preparations shall be classified as irritant and assigned the symbol ‘Xi’ and the indication of danger ‘irritant’ in accordance with the criteria given below.

3.2.6.1. Inflammation of the skin

The following risk phrase shall be assigned in accordance with the criteria given:

R38 Irritating to skin

- Substances and preparations which cause significant inflammation of the skin which persists for at least 24 hours after an exposure period of up to four hours determined on the rabbit according to the cutaneous irritation test method cited in Annex V.

Inflammation of the skin is significant if:

(a) the mean value of the scores for either erythema and eschar formation or oedema formation, calculated over all the animals tested, is 2 or more; or

(b) in the case where the Annex V test has been completed using three animals, either erythema and eschar formation or oedema formation equivalent to a mean value of 2 or more calculated for each animal separately has been observed in two or more animals.

In both cases all scores at each of the reading times (24, 48 and 72 hr) for an effect should be used in calculating respective mean values.

Inflammation of the skin is also significant if it persists in at least two animals at the end of the observation time. Particular effects e.g. hyperplasia, scaling, discoloration, fissures, scabs and alopecia should be taken into account.

Relevant data may also be available from non-acute animal studies (see comments on R48, section 2.d). These are considered significant if the effects seen are comparable to those described above.

- Substances and preparations which cause significant inflammation of the skin, based on practical observations in humans on immediate, prolonged or repeated contact.
- Organic peroxides, except where evidence to the contrary is available.

Paresthesia:

Paresthesia caused in humans by skin contact with pyrethroid pesticides is not regarded as an irritant effect justifying classification as Xi; R38. The S-phrase S24 should however be applied for substances seen to cause this effect.

3.2.6.2. Ocular lesions

The following risk phrases shall also be assigned in accordance with the criteria given:

R36 Irritating to eyes

- Substances and preparations which, when applied to the eye of the animal, cause significant ocular lesions which occur within 72 hours after exposure and which persist for at least 24 hours.

Ocular lesions are significant if the mean scores of the eye irritation test cited in Annex V have any of the following values:

- cornea opacity equal to or greater than 2 but less than 3,
- iris lesion equal to or greater than 1 but not greater than 1.5,
- redness of the conjunctivae equal to or greater than 2.5,
- oedema of the conjunctivae (chemosis) equal to or greater than 2,

or, in the case where the Annex V test has been completed using three animals if the lesions, on two or more animals, are equivalent to any of the above values except that for iris lesion the value should be equal to or greater than 1 but less than 2 and for redness of the conjunctivae the value should be equal to or greater than 2.5.

In both cases all scores at each of the reading times (24, 48 and 72 hours) for an effect should be used in calculating the respective mean values.

- Substances or preparations which cause significant ocular lesions, based on practical experience in humans.
R41 Risk of serious damage to eyes

- Substances and preparations which, when applied to the eye of the animal cause severe ocular lesions which occur within 72 hours after exposure and which persist for at least 24 hours.

Ocular lesions are severe if the means of the scores of the eye irritation test in Annex V have any of the values:

- cornea opacity equal to or greater than 3,
- iris lesion greater than 1.5.

The same shall be the case where the test has been completed using three animals if these lesions, on two or more animals, have any of the values:

- cornea opacity equal to or greater than 3,
- iris lesion equal to 2.

In both cases all scores at each of the reading times (24, 48 and 72 hours) for an effect should be used in calculating the respective mean values.

Ocular lesions are also severe when they are still present at the end of the observation time.

Ocular lesions are also severe if the substance or preparation causes irreversible colouration of the eyes.

- Substances and preparations which cause severe ocular lesions, based on practical experience in humans.

Note:

When a substance or preparation is classified as corrosive and assigned R34 or R35, the risk of severe damage to eyes is considered implicit and R41 is not included in the label.

3.2.6.3. Respiratory system irritation

The following risk phrase shall be assigned in accordance with the criteria given:
Substances and preparations which cause serious irritation to the respiratory system based on:

- practical observation in humans
- positive results from appropriate animal tests.

Comments regarding the use of R37

In interpreting practical observations in humans, care should be taken to distinguish between effects which lead to classification with R48 (see section 3.2.4.) from those leading to classification with R37. Conditions normally leading to classification with R37 are reversible and usually limited to the upper airways.

Positive results from appropriate animal tests may include data obtained in a general toxicity test, including histopathological data from the respiratory system. Data from the measurement of experimental bradypnea may also be used to assess airway irritation.

3.2.7. Sensitisation

3.2.7.1. Sensitisation by inhalation

Substances and preparations shall be classified as sensitising and assigned the symbol ‘Xn’, the indication of danger ‘Harmful’ and the risk phrase R42 in accordance with the criteria given below.

R42 May cause sensitisation by inhalation

- if there is evidence that the substance or preparation can induce specific respiratory hypersensitivity;
- where there are positive results from appropriate animal tests; or
- if the substance is an isocyanate, unless there is evidence that the specific isocyanate does not cause respiratory hypersensitivity.

Comments regarding the use of R42

Human evidence
Evidence that the substance or preparation can induce specific respiratory hypersensitivity will normally be based on human experience. In this context hypersensitivity is normally seen as asthma, but other hypersensitivity reactions such as rhinitis and alveolitis are also considered. The condition will have the clinical character of an allergic reaction. However, immunological mechanisms do not have to be demonstrated.

When considering the evidence from human exposure, it is necessary for a decision on classification to take into account in addition to the evidence from the cases:

- the size of the population exposed
- the extent of exposure.

The evidence referred to above could be:

- clinical history and data from appropriate lung function tests related to exposure to the substance, confirmed by other supportive evidence which may include:

  - a chemical structure related to substances known to cause respiratory hypersensitivity;
  - an in vivo immunological test (e.g. skin prick test);
  - an in vitro immunological test (e.g. serological analysis);
  - studies indicating other specific but non-immunological mechanisms of action, e.g. repeated lowlevel irritation, pharmacologically mediated effects; or
  - data from a positive bronchial challenge test with the substance conducted according to accepted guidelines for the determination of a specific hypersensitivity reaction.

Clinical history should include both medical and occupational history to determine a relationship between exposure to a specific substance or preparation and development of respiratory hypersensitivity. Relevant information includes aggravating factors both in the home and workplace, the onset and progress of the disease, family history and medical history of the patient in question. The medical history should also include a note of other allergic or airway disorders from childhood, and smoking history.

The results of positive bronchial challenge tests are considered to provide sufficient evidence for classification on their own. It is however recognised
that in practice many of the examinations listed above will already have been carried out.

Substances that elicit symptoms of asthma by irritation only in people with bronchial hyperreactivity should not be assigned R42.

Animal studies

Data from tests which may be indicative of the potential of a substance or preparation to cause sensitisation by inhalation in humans may include:

- IgE measurements (e.g. in mice), or
- specific pulmonary responses in guinea pigs.

3.2.7.2. Sensitisation by skin contact

Substances and preparations shall be classified as sensitising and assigned the symbol ‘Xi’, the indication of danger ‘Irritant’ and the risk phrase R43 in accordance with the criteria given below:

R43 May cause sensitisation by skin contact

- If practical experience shows the substance or preparation to be capable of inducing a sensitisation by skin contact in a substantial number of persons, or
- where there are positive results from an appropriate animal test.

Comments regarding the use of R43

Human evidence

The following evidence (practical experience) is sufficient to classify a substance or preparation with R43:

- Positive data from appropriate patch testing, normally in more than one dermatological clinic, or
- Epidemiological studies showing allergic contacts dermatitis caused by the substance or preparation. Situations in which a high proportion of those exposed exhibit characteristic symptoms are to be looked at with special concern, even if the number of cases is small, or
- Positive data from experimental studies in man (see also 3.1.1).
The following is sufficient to classify a substance with R43 when there is supportive evidence:

- Isolated episodes of allergic contact dermatitis, or
- Epidemiological studies where chance, bias or confounders have not been ruled out fully with reasonable confidence.

Supportive evidence may include:

- Data from animal tests performed according to existing guidelines, with a result that does not meet the criteria given in the section on animal studies but is sufficiently close to the limit to be considered significant, or
- Data from non-standard methods, or
- Appropriate structure-activity relationships.

Animal studies

Positive results from appropriate animal tests are:

- In the case of the adjuvant type test method for skin sensitisation detailed in Annex V or in the case of other adjuvant-type test methods, a response of at least 30% of the animals is considered positive;
- For any other test method a response of at least 15% of the animals is considered positive.

3.2.7.3. Immunological contact urticaria

Some substances or preparations, which meet the criteria for R42 may in addition cause immunological contact urticaria. In these cases, information concerning contact urticaria should be included by the use of appropriate Sphrases, usually S24 and S36/37, and in the Safety Data Sheet.

For substances or preparations, which produce signs of immunological contact urticaria which do not fulfil the criteria for R42, consideration should be given to classification with R43.

There is no recognised animal model available to identify substances which cause immunological contact urticaria. Therefore, classification will
normally be based on human evidence which will be similar to that for skin sensitisation (R43).

3.2.8. Other toxicological properties

Additional risk phrases shall be assigned in accordance with the following criteria (based on experience obtained during compilation of Annex I) to substances and preparations classified by virtue of 2.2.1. to 3.2.7. above and/or chapters 4 and 5:

R29 Contact with water liberates toxic gas

For substances and preparations which in contact with water or damp air, evolve very toxic/toxic gases in potentially dangerous amounts, e.g. aluminium phosphide, phosphorus pentasulphide.

R31 Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

For substances and preparations which react with acids to evolve toxic gases in dangerous amounts, e.g. sodium hypochlorite, barium polysulphide. For substances used by members of the general public, the use of S50 (do not mix with ... (to be specified by the manufacturer)) would be more suitable.

R32 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

For substances and preparations which react with acids to evolve very toxic gases in dangerous amounts; e.g. salts of hydrogen cyanide, sodium azide. For substances used by members of the general public, the use of S50 (do not mix with ... (to be specified by the manufacturer)) would be more suitable.

R33 Danger of cumulative effects

For substances and preparations when accumulation in the human body is likely and may cause some concern which, however, is not sufficient to justify the use of R48.

For comments on the use of this R-phrase see Section 4.2.3.3 for substances and Annex V, Part A.3. of Directive 1999/45/EC for preparations.

R64 May cause harm to breastfed babies

For substances and preparations which are absorbed by women and may interfere with lactation or which may be present (including metabolites) in breast milk in amounts sufficient to cause concern for the health of a breastfed child.
For comments on the use of this R-phrase see Section 4.2.3.3 for substances and Annex V, Part A.4. of Directive 1999/45/EC for preparations.

R66  Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

For substances and preparations which may cause concern as a result of skin dryness, flaking or cracking but which do not meet the criteria for R38 based on either:

- practical observation after normal handling and use, or
- relevant evidence concerning their predicted effects on the skin.

See also paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7.

R67  Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness

For volatile substances and preparations containing such substances which cause clear symptoms of central nervous system depression by inhalation and which are not already classified with respect to acute inhalation toxicity (R20, R23, R26, R68/20, R39/23 or R39/26).

The following evidence may be used:

(a) Data from animal studies showing clear signs of CNS depression such as narcotic effects, lethargy, lack of co-ordination (including loss of righting reflex) and ataxia either:

- at concentrations/exposure times not exceeding 20 mg/l/4h or,
- for which the ratio of the effect concentration at ≤ 4 h to the saturated vapour concentration (SVC) at 20°C is ≤ 1/10.

(b) Practical experience in humans (e.g. narcosis, drowsiness, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of co-ordination, vertigo) from well documented reports under comparable exposure conditions to the effects specified above for animals.

See also Paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7.

For other supplementary risk phrases see Section 2.2.6.

4. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH
4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. This Chapter sets out the procedure for the classification of substances which may have the effects mentioned below. For preparations see Section 4.2.4.

4.1.2. If a manufacturer, distributor or importer has information available which indicates that a substance should be classified and labelled in accordance with the criteria given in Section 4.2.1, 4.2.2 or 4.2.3, he shall provisionally label the substance in accordance with these criteria, on the basis of the assessment of the evidence by a competent person.

4.1.3. The manufacturer, distributor or importer shall submit as soon as possible a document summarising all relevant information to one Member State in which the substance is placed on the market. Relevant information in this context comprises in particular all available published and unpublished information required for appropriate classification of the substance in question, on the basis of the intrinsic properties according to the categories laid down in Article 2 (2) and in accordance with the criteria in this Annex. The submitted summary document should include a bibliography containing all relevant references, including any relevant unpublished data.

4.1.4. Furthermore, a manufacturer, distributor or importer who has new data which are relevant to the classification and labelling of a substance in accordance with the criteria given in Section 4.2.1., 4.2.2. or 4.2.3., shall submit this data as soon as possible to one Member State in which the substance is placed on the market.

4.1.5. To obtain as quickly as possible a harmonised classification for the Community by the procedure defined in Article 28 of this Directive, Member States which have relevant information available justifying the classification of a substance in one of these categories, whether submitted by the manufacturer or not, should forward such information together with suggestions for classification and labelling, to the Commission as soon as possible.

The Commission will forward to the other Member States the classification and labelling proposal that it receives. Any Member State may ask the Commission for the information it has received.

Any Member State which has good reason to believe that the suggested classification and labelling is inappropriate as far as the carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive toxicity effects are concerned shall notify the Commission thereof.
4.2. Criteria for classification, indication of danger, choice of risk phrases

4.2.1. Carcinogenic substances

For the purpose of classification and labelling, and having regard to the current state of knowledge, such substances are divided into three categories:

Category 1

Substances known to be carcinogenic to man. There is sufficient evidence to establish a causal association between human exposure to a substance and the development of cancer.

Category 2

Substances which should be regarded as if they are carcinogenic to man. There is sufficient evidence to provide a strong presumption that human exposure to a substance may result in the development of cancer, generally on the basis of:

- appropriate long-term animal studies,
- other relevant information.

Category 3

Substances which cause concern for man owing to possible carcinogenic effects but in respect of which the available information is not adequate for making a satisfactory assessment. There is some evidence from appropriate animal studies, but this is insufficient to place the substance in Category 2.

4.2.1.1. The following symbols and specific risk phrases apply:

Categories 1 and 2:

Substances classified as carcinogenic category 1 or 2 shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase R45 May cause cancer

However, substances and preparations which present a carcinogenic risk only when inhaled, for example, as dust, vapour or fumes, (other routes of exposure e.g. by swallowing or in contact with skin do not present any carcinogenic risk), shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase

R49 May cause cancer by inhalation
Category 3:

Substances classified as carcinogenic category 3 shall be assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the risk phrase R40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect

4.2.1.2. Comments regarding the categorisation of carcinogenic substances

The placing of a substance into Category 1 is done on the basis of epidemiological data; placing into Categories 2 and 3 is based primarily on animal experiments.

For classification as a Category 2 carcinogen either positive results in two animal species should be available or clear positive evidence in one species, together with supporting evidence such as genotoxicity data, metabolic or biochemical studies, induction of benign tumours, structural relationship with other known carcinogens, or data from epidemiological studies suggesting an association.

Category 3 actually comprises 2 sub-categories:

(a) substances which are well investigated but for which the evidence of a tumour-inducing effect is insufficient for classification in Category 2. Additional experiments would not be expected to yield further relevant information with respect to classification;

(b) substances which are insufficiently investigated. The available data are inadequate, but they raise concern for man. This classification is provisional; further experiments are necessary before a final decision can be made.

For a distinction between Categories 2 and 3 the arguments listed below are relevant which reduce the significance of experimental tumour induction in view of possible human exposure. These arguments, especially in combination, would lead in most cases to classification in Category 3, even though tumours have been induced in animals:

- carcinogenic effects only at very high dose levels exceeding the ‘maximal tolerated dose’. The maximal tolerated dose is characterised by toxic effects which, although not yet reducing lifespan, go along with physical changes such as about 10 % retardation in weight gain,
4.2.2. Mutagenic substances

4.2.2.1. For the purposes of classification and labelling, and having regard to the current state of knowledge, such substances are divided into three categories:

Category 1
Substances known to be mutagenic to man.

There is sufficient evidence to establish a causal association between human exposure to a substance and heritable genetic damage.

Category 2

Substances which should be regarded as if they are mutagenic to man.

There is sufficient evidence to provide a strong presumption that human exposure to the substance may result in the development of heritable genetic damage, generally on the basis of:

- appropriate animal studies,
- other relevant information.

Category 3

Substances which cause concern for man owing to possible mutagenic effects. There is evidence from appropriate mutagenicity studies, but this is insufficient to place the substance in Category 2.

4.2.2.2. The following symbols and specific risk phrases apply:

Categories 1 and 2:

Substances classified as mutagenic category 1 or 2 shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase

R46 May cause heritable genetic damage

Category 3:

Substances classified as mutagenic category 3 shall be assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the risk phrase

R68 Possible risk of irreversible effects

4.2.2.3. Comments regarding the categorisation of mutagenic substances

Definition of terms:

A mutation is a permanent change in the amount or structure of the genetic material in an organism, resulting in a change of the phenotypic
characteristics of the organism. The alterations may involve a single gene, a block of genes, or a whole chromosome. Effects involving single genes may be a consequence of effects on single DNA bases (point mutations) or of large changes, including deletions, within the gene. Effects on whole chromosomes may involve structural or numerical changes. A mutation in the germ cells in sexually reproducing organisms may be transmitted to the offspring. A mutagen is an agent that gives rise to an enhanced occurrence of mutations.

It should be noted that substances are classified as mutagens with specific reference to inherited genetic damage. However, the type of results leading to classification of chemicals in Category 3: ‘induction of genetically relevant events in somatic cells’, is generally also regarded as an alert for possible carcinogenic activity.

Method development for mutagenicity testing is an ongoing process. For many new tests no standardised protocols and evaluation criteria are presently available. For the evaluation of mutagenicity data the quality of the test performance and the degree of validation of the test method have to be considered.

Category 1

To place a substance in Category 1, positive evidence from human mutation epidemiology studies will be needed. Examples of such substances are not known to date. It is recognised that it is extremely difficult to obtain reliable information from studies on the incidence of mutations in human populations, or on possible increases in their frequencies.

Category 2

To place a substance in Category 2, positive results are needed from assays showing (a) mutagenic effects, or (b) other cellular interactions relevant to mutagenicity, in germ cells of mammals in vivo, or (c) mutagenic effects in somatic cells of mammals in vivo in combination with clear evidence that the substance or a relevant metabolite reaches the germ cells.

With respect to placement in Category 2, at present the following methods are appropriate:

2 (a) in vivo germ cell mutagenicity assays:

- specific locus mutation test,
- heritable translocation test,
These assays actually demonstrate the appearance of affected progeny or a defect in the developing embryo.

2 (b) in vivo assays showing relevant interaction with germ cells (usually DNA):

- assays for chromosomal abnormalities, as detected by cytogenetic analysis, including aneuploidy, caused by malsegregation of chromosomes,
- test for sister chromatid exchanges (SCEs),
- test for unscheduled DNA synthesis (UDS),
- assay of (covalent) binding of mutagen to germ cell DNA,
- assaying other kinds of DNA damage.

These assays provide evidence of a more or less indirect nature. Positive results in these assays would normally be supported by positive results from in vivo somatic cell mutagenicity assays, in mammals or in man (see under Category 3, preferably methods as under 3 (a)).

2 (c) in vivo assays showing mutagenic effects in somatic cells of mammals (see under 3 (a)), in combination with toxicokinetic methods, or other methodologies capable of demonstrating that the compound or a relevant metabolite reaches the germ cells.

For 2 (b) and 2 (c), positive results from host-mediated assays or the demonstration of unequivocal effects in in vitro assays can be considered as supporting evidence.

Category 3

To place a substance in Category 3, positive results are needed in assays showing (a) mutagenic effects or (b) other cellular interaction relevant to mutagenicity, in somatic cells in mammals in vivo. The latter especially would normally be supported by positive results from in vitro mutagenicity assays.

For effects in somatic cells in vivo at present the following methods are appropriate:

3 (a) in vivo somatic cell mutagenicity assays:
3 (b) in vivo somatic cell DNA interaction assays:

- test for SCEs in somatic cells,
- test for UDS in somatic cells,
- assay for the (covalent) binding of mutagen to somatic cell DNA,
- assay for DNA damage, e.g. by alkaline elution, in somatic cells.

Substances showing positive results only in one or more in vitro mutagenicity assays should normally not be classified. Their further investigation using in vivo assays, however, is strongly indicated. In exceptional cases, e.g. for a substance showing pronounced responses in several in vitro assays, for which no relevant in vivo data are available, and which shows resemblance to known mutagens/carcinogens, classification in Category 3 could be considered.

4.2.3. Substances toxic to reproduction

4.2.3.1. For the purposes of classification and labelling and having regard to the present state of knowledge, such substances are divided into 3 categories:

Category 1:

Substances known to impair fertility in humans

There is sufficient evidence to establish a causal relationship between human exposure to the substance and impaired fertility.

Substances known to cause developmental toxicity in humans

There is sufficient evidence to establish a causal relationship between human exposure to the substance and subsequent developmental toxic effects in the progeny.
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Category 2

*Substances which should be regarded as if they impair fertility in humans*

There is sufficient evidence to provide a strong presumption that human exposure to the substance may result in impaired fertility on the basis of:

- clear evidence in animal studies of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or, evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which is not a secondary nonspecific consequence of the other toxic effects,

- other relevant information.

*Substances which should be regarded as if they cause developmental toxicity to humans*

There is sufficient evidence to provide a strong presumption that human exposure to the substance may result in developmental toxicity, generally on the basis of:

- clear results in appropriate animal studies where effects have been observed in the absence of signs of marked maternal toxicity, or at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of the other toxic effects,

- other relevant information.

Category 3

*Substances which cause concern for human fertility*

Generally on the basis of:

- results in appropriate animal studies which provide sufficient evidence to cause a strong suspicion of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects, but which is not a secondary non-specific consequence of the other toxic effects, but where the evidence is insufficient to place the substance in Category 2,

- other relevant information.
Substances which cause concern for humans owing to possible developmental toxic effects

Generally on the basis of:

- results in appropriate animal studies which provide sufficient evidence to cause a strong suspicion of developmental toxicity in the absence of signs of marked maternal toxicity, or at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of the other toxic effects, but where the evidence is insufficient to place the substance in Category 2,

- other relevant information.

4.2.3.2. The following symbols and specific risk phrases apply:

Category 1:

for substances that impair fertility in humans:

Substances classified as toxic to reproduction category 1 shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase

R60 May impair fertility

for substances that cause developmental toxicity:

Substances classified as toxic to reproduction category 1 shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase

R61 May cause harm to the unborn child

Category 2:

for substances that should be regarded as if they impair fertility in humans:

Substances classified as toxic to reproduction category 2 shall be assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the risk phrase

R60 May impair fertility

for substances that should be regarded as if they cause developmental toxicity in humans:
R61 May cause harm to the unborn child.

Category 3:

for substances which cause concern for human fertility:

Substances classified as toxic to reproduction category 3 shall be assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the risk phrase

R62 Possible risk of impaired fertility

for substances which cause concern for humans owing to possible developmental toxic effects:

Substances classified as toxic to reproduction category 3 shall be assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the risk phrase

R63 Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

4.2.3.3. Comments regarding the categorisation of substances toxic to reproduction

Reproductive toxicity includes impairment of male and female reproductive functions or capacity and the induction of non-inheritable harmful effects on the progeny. This may be classified under two main headings of 1. Effects on male or female fertility; 2. Developmental toxicity.

1 Effects on male or female fertility, includes adverse effects on libido, sexual behaviour, any aspect of spermatogenesis or oogenesis, or on hormonal activity or physiological response which would interfere with the capacity to fertilise, fertilisation itself or the development of the fertilised ovum up to and including implantation.

2 Developmental toxicity, is taken in its widest sense to include any effect interfering with normal development, both before and after birth. It includes effects induced or manifested prenatally as well as those manifested postnatally. This includes embryotoxic/fetotoxic effects such as reduced body weight, growth and developmental retardation, organ toxicity, death, abortion, structural defects (teratogenic effects), functional defects, peri-postnatal defects, and impaired
Classification of chemicals as toxic to reproduction is intended to be used for chemicals which have an intrinsic or specific property to produce such toxic effects. Chemicals should not be classified as toxic to reproduction where such effects are solely produced as a non-specific secondary consequence of other toxic effects. Chemicals of most concern are those which are toxic to reproduction at exposure levels which do not produce other signs of toxicity.

The placing of a compound in Category 1 for effects on fertility and/or developmental toxicity is done on the basis of epidemiological data. Placing into Categories 2 or 3 is done primarily on the basis of animal data. Data from in vitro studies, or studies on avian eggs, are regarded as ‘supportive evidence’ and would only exceptionally lead to classification in the absence of in vivo data.

In common with most other types of toxic effect, substances demonstrating reproductive toxicity will be expected to have a threshold below which adverse effects would not be demonstrated. Even when clear effects have been demonstrated in animal studies the relevance for humans may be doubtful because of the doses administered, for example, where effects have been demonstrated only at high doses, or where marked toxicokinetic differences exist, or the route of administration is inappropriate. For these or similar reasons it may be that classification in Category 3, or even no classification, will be warranted.

Annex V to the Directive specifies a limit test in the case of substances of low toxicity. If a dose level of at least 1000 mg/kg orally produces no evidence of effects toxic to reproduction, studies at other dose levels may not be considered necessary. If data are available from studies carried out with doses higher than the above limit dose, this data must be evaluated together with other relevant data. Under normal circumstances it is considered that effects seen only at doses in excess of the limit dose would not necessarily lead to classification as ‘Toxic to reproduction’.

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For the classification of a substance into Category 2 for impaired fertility, there should normally be clear evidence in one animal species, with supporting evidence on mechanism of action or site of action, or chemical relationship to other known anti-fertility agents or other information from humans which would lead to the conclusion that effects would be likely to be seen in humans. Where there are studies in only one species without
other relevant supporting evidence then classification in Category 3 may be appropriate.

Since impaired fertility may occur as a non-specific accompaniment to severe generalised toxicity or where there is severe inanition, classification into Category 2 should only be made where there is evidence that there is some degree of specificity of toxicity for the reproductive system. If it was demonstrated that impaired fertility in animal studies was due to failure to mate, then for classification into Category 2, it would normally be necessary to have evidence on the mechanism of action in order to interpret whether any adverse effect such as alteration in pattern of hormonal release would be likely to occur in humans.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY

For classification into Category 2 there should be clear evidence of adverse effects in well conducted studies in one or more species. Since adverse effects in pregnancy or postnatally may result as a secondary consequence of maternal toxicity, reduced food or water intake, maternal stress, lack of maternal care, specific dietary deficiencies, poor animal husbandry, intercurrent infections, and so on, it is important that the effects observed should occur in well conducted studies and at dose levels which are not associated with marked maternal toxicity. The route of exposure is also important. In particular, the injection of irritant material intraperitoneally may result in local damage to the uterus and its contents, and the results of such studies must be interpreted with caution and on their own would not normally lead to classification.

Classification into Category 3 is based on similar criteria as for Category 2 but may be used where the experimental design has deficiencies which make the conclusions less convincing, or where the possibility that the effects may have been due to non-specific influences such as generalised toxicity cannot be excluded.

In general, classification in Category 3 or no category would be assigned on an ad hoc basis where the only effects recorded are small changes in the incidences of spontaneous defects, small changes in the proportions of common variants such as are observed in skeletal examinations, or small differences in postnatal developmental assessments.

Effects during lactation

Substances which are classified as toxic to reproduction and which also cause concern due to their effects on lactation should in addition be labelled with R64 (see criteria in Section 3.2.8.).
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For the purpose of classification, toxic effects on offspring resulting only from exposure via the breast milk, or toxic effects resulting from direct exposure of children will not be regarded as ‘Toxic to reproduction’, unless such effects result in impaired development of the offspring.

Substances which are not classified as toxic to reproduction but which cause concern due to toxicity when transferred to the baby during the period of lactation should be labelled with R64 (see criteria in Section 3.2.8.). This R-phrase may also be appropriate for substances which affect the quantity or quality of the milk.

R64 would normally be assigned on the basis of:

(a) toxicokinetic studies that would indicate the likelihood that the substance would be present in potentially toxic levels in breast milk; and/or

(b) on the basis of results of one or two generation studies in animals which indicate the presence of adverse effects on the offspring due to transfer in the milk; and/or

(c) on the basis of evidence in humans indicating a risk to babies during the lactational period.

Substances which are known to accumulate in the body and which subsequently may be released into milk during lactation may be labelled with R33 and R64.

4.2.4. Procedure for the classification of preparations concerning specific effects on health

If a preparation contains one or more substances classified with respect to the criteria laid out above, it must be classified according to the criteria referred to in Annex II, Part A. 7. - 9. and Part B. 6. of Directive 1999/45/EC (the concentration limits are either in Annex I of this Directive, or in Annex II, Part B. 6. of Directive 1999/45/EC where the substance or substances under consideration do not appear in Annex I or appear in it without concentration limits).

5. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

5.1. Introduction
The primary objective of classifying substances and preparations dangerous for the environment is to alert the user to the hazards these substances and preparations present to ecosystems. Although the present criteria refer to aquatic ecosystems it is recognised that certain substances and preparations may simultaneously or alternatively affect other ecosystems whose constituents may range from soil microflora and microfauna to primates.

The criteria set out below follow directly from the test methods set out in Annex V in so far as they are mentioned. The test methods required for the 'base set' referred to in Annex VII are limited and the information derived from them may be insufficient for an appropriate classification. Classification may require additional data derived from Level 1 (Annex VIII) or other equivalent studies. Furthermore, classified substances may be subject to review in the light of other new data.

For the purposes of classification and labelling and having regard to the current state of knowledge such substances and preparations are divided into two groups according to their acute and/or long-term effects in aquatic systems or their acute and/or long-term effects in non-aquatic systems.

5.1.1. The classification of substances is usually made on the basis of experimental data for acute aquatic toxicity, degradation, and log Pow (or BCF if available).

5.1.2. The classification of preparations shall normally be carried out on the basis of a conventional method referred to in Article 7 and Annex III, Parts A and B of Directive 1999/45/EC. In this case, the classification is based on the individual concentration limits

- in Annex I to this Directive

- or in Annex III Part B to Directive 1999/45/EC where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to this Directive or appear in it without concentration limits.

5.1.3. Normally, the classification of a preparation is made on the basis of a conventional method. However, for the determination of the acute aquatic toxicity, there may be cases for which it is appropriate to carry out tests on the preparation. The result of these tests on the preparation may only modify the classification concerning acute aquatic toxicity which would have been obtained by the application of a conventional method. If such tests are chosen by the person responsible for the placing on the market, it must be ensured that the quality criteria of the test methods in Part C of Annex V to this Directive have been complied with. Furthermore, the tests are to be carried out on all three groups of species in conformity with the criteria in this Annex (algae, daphnia and fish), unless the highest hazard classification
relating to acute aquatic toxicity has been assigned to the preparation after testing on one of the species or a test result was already available before Directive 1999/45/EC entered into force.

5.2. Criteria for classification, indication of danger, choice of risk phrases

The classification criteria for substances in Section 5.2.1. only apply to preparations where they have been tested in accordance with 5.1.3.

5.2.1. Aquatic environment

5.2.1.1. Substances shall be classified as dangerous for the environment and assigned the symbol ‘N’ and the appropriate indication of danger, and assigned risk phrases in accordance with the following criteria:

R50 Very toxic to aquatic organisms

and

R53 May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

Acute toxicity: $96\ \text{hr} \text{LC}_{50} \ (\text{for fish}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

or $48\ \text{hr} \text{EC}_{50} \ (\text{for Daphnia}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

or $72\ \text{hr} \text{IC}_{50} \ (\text{for algae}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

and

- the substance is not readily degradable

or

- the log Pow (log octanol/water partition coefficient) $\geq 3.0$

(unless the experimentally determined BCF $\leq 100$).

R50 Very toxic to aquatic organisms

Acute toxicity: $96\ \text{hr} \text{LC}_{50} \ (\text{for fish}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

or $48\ \text{hr} \text{EC}_{50} \ (\text{for Daphnia}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

or $72\ \text{hr} \text{IC}_{50} \ (\text{for algae}) \leq 1 \text{ mg/l}$

R51 Toxic to aquatic organisms

and

R53 May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment
Acute toxicity: 96 hr LC₅₀ (for fish)  $1 \text{ mg/l } < \text{LC}_5₀ \leq 10 \text{mg/l}$

or 48 hr EC₅₀ (for Daphnia)  $1 \text{ mg/l } < \text{EC}_5₀ \leq 10 \text{mg/l}$

or 72 hr IC₅₀ (for algae)  $1 \text{ mg/l } < \text{IC}_5₀ \leq 10 \text{ mg/l}$

and

- the substance is not readily degradable

or

- the log Pow > 3.0 (unless the experimentally determined BCF ≤ 100)

5.2.1.2. Substances shall be classified as dangerous for the environment in accordance with the criteria set out below. Risk phrases shall also be assigned in accordance with the following criteria

R52 Harmful to aquatic organisms

and

R53 May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

Acute toxicity: 96 hr LC₅₀ (for fish)  $10 \text{ mg/l } < \text{LC}_5₀ \leq 100 \text{mg/l}$

or 48 hr EC₅₀ (for Daphnia)  $10 \text{ mg/l } < \text{EC}_5₀ \leq 100 \text{mg/l}$

or 72 hr IC₅₀ (for algae)  $10 \text{ mg/l } < \text{IC}_5₀ \leq 100 \text{ mg/l}$

and

the substance is not readily degradable.

This criterion applies unless there exists additional scientific evidence concerning degradation and/or toxicity sufficient to provide an adequate assurance that neither the substance nor its degradation products will constitute a potential long-term and/or delayed danger to the aquatic environment. Such additional scientific evidence should normally be based on the studies required at Level 1 (Annex VIII), or studies of equivalent value, and could include:

(i) a proven potential to degrade rapidly in the aquatic environment,

(ii) an absence of chronic toxicity effects at a concentration of 1.0 mg/litre, e.g. a no-observed effect concentration of greater than 1.0 mg/litre determined in a prolonged toxicity study with fish or Daphnia.
R52 Harmful to aquatic organisms

Substances not falling under the criteria listed above in this chapter, but which on the basis of the available evidence concerning their toxicity may nevertheless present a danger to the structure and/or functioning of aquatic ecosystems.

R53 May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

Substances not falling under the criteria listed above in this chapter, but which, on the basis of the available evidence concerning their persistence, potential to accumulate, and predicted or observed environmental fate and behaviour may nevertheless present a long-term and/or delayed danger to the structure and/or functioning of aquatic ecosystems.

For example, poorly water-soluble substances, i.e. substances with a solubility of less than 1 mg/l will be covered by this criterion if:

(a) they are not readily degradable; and

(b) the log Pow $\geq 3.0$ (unless the experimentally determined BCF $\leq 100$).

This criterion applies to substances unless there exists additional scientific evidence concerning degradation and/or toxicity sufficient to provide an adequate assurance that neither the substance nor its degradation products will constitute a potential long-term and/or delayed danger to the aquatic environment.

Such additional scientific evidence should normally be based on the studies required at Level 1 (Annex VIII), or studies of equivalent value, and could include

(i) a proven potential to degrade rapidly in the aquatic environment;

(ii) an absence of chronic toxicity effects at the solubility limit e.g. a no-observed effect concentration of greater than the solubility limit determined in a prolonged toxicity study with fish or Daphnia.

5.2.1.3. Comments on the determination of IC50 for algae and of degradability
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Where it can be demonstrated in the case of highly coloured substances that algal growth is inhibited solely as a result of a reduction in light intensity, then the 72h IC50 for algae should not be used as a basis for classification.

Substances are considered readily degradable if the following criteria hold true.

(a) If in 28-day biodegradation studies the following levels of degradation are achieved

- in tests based upon dissolved organic carbon: 70%,
- in tests based upon oxygen depletion or carbon dioxide generation: 60% of the theoretical maxima.

These levels of biodegradation must be achieved within 10 days of the start of degradation, which point is taken as the time when 10% of the substance has been degraded.

or

(b) if in those cases where only COD and BOD5 data are available when the ratio of BOD5/COD is greater than or equal to 0.5;

or

(c) if other convincing scientific evidence is available to demonstrate that the substance can be degraded (biotically and/or abiotically) in the aquatic environment to a level of > 70% within a 28-day period.

5.2.2. Non-aquatic environment

5.2.2.1. Substances and preparations shall be classified as dangerous for the environment and assigned the symbol ‘N’ and the appropriate indication of danger, and assigned risk phrases in accordance with the following criteria:

- **R54** Toxic to flora
- **R55** Toxic to fauna
- **R56** Toxic to soil organisms
- **R57** Toxic to bees
Substances and preparations which on the basis of the available evidence concerning their toxicity, persistence, potential to accumulate and predicted or observed environmental fate and behaviour may present a danger, immediate or long-term and/or delayed, to the structure and/or functioning of natural ecosystems other than those covered under 5.2.1 above. Detailed criteria will be elaborated later.

5.2.2.2. Substances and preparations shall be classified as dangerous for the environment, and assigned the symbol ‘N’ and the appropriate indication of danger, where applicable, and assigned risk phrases in accordance with the following criteria:

R59 Dangerous for the ozone layer

Substances which on the basis of the available evidence concerning their properties and their predicted or observed environmental fate and behaviour may present a danger to the structure and/or the functioning of the stratospheric ozone layer. This includes the substances which are listed in Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 on substances that deplete the ozone layer (OJ No L 244, 29.9.2000, p.1) and its subsequent amendments.

Preparations shall be classified on the basis of a conventional method referred to in Article 7 and Annex III, Parts A and B of Directive 1999/45/EC.

6. CHOICE OF SAFETY ADVICE PHRASES

6.1. Introduction

Safety advice phrases (S-phrases) shall be assigned to dangerous substances and preparations in accordance with the following general criteria. In addition, for certain preparations, the safety advice listed in Annex V of Directive 1999/45/EC is mandatory.

Whenever the manufacturer is mentioned in Chapter 6 it refers to the person responsible for placing the substance or preparation on the market.

6.2. Safety phrases for substances and preparations

S1 Keep locked up

- Applicability:
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- very toxic, toxic and corrosive substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for those substances and preparations mentioned above if sold to the general public.

S2 Keep out of the reach of children

- Applicability:
  - all dangerous substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for all dangerous substances and preparations sold to the general public, except for those only classified as dangerous for the environment.

S3 Keep in a cool place

- Applicability:
  - organic peroxides,
  - other dangerous substances and preparations having a boiling point $\leq 40^\circ$ C.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for organic peroxides unless S47 is used,
  - recommended for other dangerous substances and preparations having a boiling point $\leq 40^\circ$ C.

S4 Keep away from living quarters

- Applicability:
  - very toxic and toxic substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to very toxic and toxic substances and preparations when desirable to supplement S13; for example when there is an inhalation risk and the
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Substance or preparation should be stored away from living quarters. The advice is not intended to preclude proper use of the substance or preparation in living quarters.

S5 Keep contents under ... (appropriate liquid to be specified by the manufacturer)

- Applicability:
  - spontaneously flammable solid substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases, e.g. sodium, potassium or white phosphorous.

S6 Keep under ... (inert gas to be specified by the manufacturer)

- Applicability:
  - dangerous substances and preparations which must be kept under an inert atmosphere.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases, e.g. certain organo-metallic compounds.

S7 Keep container tightly closed

- Applicability:
  - organic peroxides,

- substances and preparations which can give off very toxic, toxic, harmful or extremely flammable gases,

- substances and preparations which in contact with moisture give off extremely flammable gases,

- highly flammable solids.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for organic peroxides,
S8  *Keep container dry*

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations which may react violently with water,
  - substances and preparations which on contact with water liberate extremely flammable gases,
  - substances and preparations which on contact with water liberate very toxic or toxic gases.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - normally limited to the fields of application mentioned above when necessary to reinforce warnings given by R14, R15 in particular, and R29.

S9  *Keep container in a well-ventilated place*

- **Applicability:**
  - volatile substances and preparations which may give off very toxic, toxic or harmful vapours,
  - extremely flammable or highly flammable liquids and extremely flammable gases.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - recommended for volatile substances and preparations which may give off very toxic, toxic or harmful vapours,
  - recommended for extremely flammable or highly flammable liquids or extremely flammable gases.

S12  *Do not keep the container sealed*

- **Applicability:**
### Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs

**S13** *Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs*

- **Applicability:**
  - very toxic, toxic and harmful substances and preparations.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - normally limited to the special cases mentioned above.

### Keep away from ... (incompatible materials to be indicated by the manufacturer)

**S14** *Keep away from ... (incompatible materials to be indicated by the manufacturer)*

- **Applicability:**
  - organic peroxides.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - *obligatory* for and normally limited to organic peroxides. However, may be useful in exceptional cases when incompatibility is likely to produce a particular risk

### Keep away from heat

**S15** *Keep away from heat*

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations which may decompose or which may react spontaneously under the effect of heat.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - normally limited to special cases, e.g. monomers, but not assigned if risk phrases R2, R3 and/or R5 have already been applied.

### Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking

**S16** *Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking*
Applicability:
- extremely flammable or highly flammable liquids and extremely flammable gases.

Criteria for use:
- recommended for the substances and preparations mentioned above but not assigned if risk phrases R2, R3 and/or R5 have already been applied.

S17 *Keep away from combustible material*

Applicability:
- substances and preparations which may form explosive or spontaneously flammable mixtures with combustible material.

Criteria for use:
- available for use in special cases, e.g. to emphasise R8 and R9.

S18 *Handle and open container with care*

Applicability:
- substances and preparations liable to produce an overpressure in the container,
- substances and preparations which may form explosive peroxides.

Criteria for use:
- normally limited to the above-mentioned cases when there is risk of damage to the eyes and/or when the substances and preparations are likely to be used by the general public.

S20 *When using do not eat or drink*

Applicability:
Very toxic, toxic and corrosive substances and preparations.

Criteria for use:

- normally limited to special cases (e.g. arsenic and arsenic compounds; fluoracetates) in particular when any of these are likely to be used by the general public.

S21 *When using do not smoke*

Applicability:

- substances and preparations which produce toxic products on combustion.

Criteria for use

- normally limited to special cases (e.g. halogenated compounds).

S22 *Do not breathe dust*

Applicability:

- all solid substances and preparations dangerous for health.

Criteria for use:

- *obligatory* for those substances and preparations mentioned above to which R42 is assigned,

- recommended for those substances and preparations mentioned above which are supplied in the form of an inhalable dust and for which the health hazards following inhalation are not known.

S23 *Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray (appropriate wording to be specified by the manufacturer)*

Applicability:

- all liquid or gaseous substances and preparations dangerous to health.
Criteria for use:

- **obligatory** for those substances and preparations mentioned above to which R42 is assigned,

- **obligatory** for substances and preparations intended for use by spraying. Either S38 or S51 must be ascribed in addition,

- recommended when it is necessary to draw the attention of the user to inhalation risks not mentioned in the risk phrases which have to be ascribed.

**S24 Avoid contact with skin**

- Applicability:
  - all substances and preparations dangerous for health.

- Criteria for use:
  - **obligatory** for those substances and preparations to which R43 has been ascribed, unless S36 has also been ascribed,

  - recommended when it is necessary to draw the attention of the user to skin contact risks not mentioned in the risk phrases (e.g. paresthesia) which have to be ascribed. However, may be used to emphasise such risk phrases.

**S25 Avoid contact with eyes**

- Applicability:
  - all substances and preparations dangerous to health.

- Criteria for use:
  - recommended when it is necessary to draw the attention of the user to eye contact risks not mentioned in the risk phrases which have to be applied. However, may be used to emphasise such risk phrases.

  - recommended for substances ascribed R34, R35, R36 or R41 which are likely to be used by the general public.
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S26  In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

-  Applicability:

-  corrosive or irritant substances and preparations.

-  Criteria for use:

-  obligatory for corrosive substances and preparations and those to which R41 has already been ascribed,

-  recommended for irritant substances and preparations to which the risk phrase R36 has already been ascribed.

S27  Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

-  Applicability:

-  very toxic, toxic or corrosive substances and preparations.

-  Criteria for use:

-  obligatory for very toxic substances and preparations to which R27 has been ascribed and which are likely to be used by the general public.

-  recommended for very toxic substances and preparations to which R27 has been ascribed used in industry. However, this safety phrase should not be used if S36 has been ascribed.

-  recommended for toxic substances and preparations to which R24 has been ascribed as well as corrosive substances and preparations which are likely to be used by the general public.

S28  After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of ... (to be specified by the manufacturer).

-  Applicability:

-  very toxic, toxic or corrosive substances and preparations.
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- Criteria for use:
  - *obligatory* for very toxic substances and preparations.
  - recommended for the other substances and preparations mentioned above, in particular when water is not the most appropriate rinsing fluid.
  - recommended for corrosive substances and preparations which are likely to be used by the general public.

S29 *Do not empty into drains*

- Applicability:
  - extremely or highly flammable liquids immiscible with water,
  - very toxic and toxic substances and preparations,
  - substances and preparations dangerous for the environment.

- Criteria for use:
  - *obligatory* for substances and preparations dangerous for the environment and assigned the symbol ‘N’, which are likely to be used by the general public, unless this is the intended use.
  - recommended for other substances and preparations mentioned above which are likely to be used by the general public, unless this is the intended use.

S30 *Never add water to this product*

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations which react violently with water.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases (e.g. sulphuric acid) and may be used, as appropriate, to give the clearest possible
S33 *Take precautionary measures against static discharges*

- **Applicability:**
  - extremely or highly flammable substances and preparations.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - recommended for substances and preparations used in industry which do not absorb moisture. Virtually never used for substances and preparations as placed on the market for use by the general public.

S35 *This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.*

- **Applicability:**
  - all dangerous substances and preparations

- **Criteria for use:**
  - recommended for substances and preparations where special guidance is needed to ensure proper disposal.

S36 *Wear suitable protective clothing*

- **Applicability:**
  - organic peroxides,
  - very toxic, toxic or harmful substances and preparations,
  - corrosive substances and preparations.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - *obligatory* for very toxic and corrosive substances and preparations,
  - obligatory for those substances and preparations to which either R21 or R24 has been ascribed,
- obligatory for category 3 carcinogens, mutagens and substances toxic to reproduction unless the effects are produced solely by inhalation of the substance or preparation,

- obligatory for organic peroxides,

- recommended for toxic substances and preparations if the LD50 dermal value is unknown but the substance or preparation is likely to be toxic through skin contact,

- recommended for substances and preparations used in industry which are liable to damage health by prolonged exposure.

S37 Wear suitable gloves

- Applicability

- very toxic, toxic, harmful or corrosive substances and preparations,

- organic peroxides,

- substances and preparations irritating to the skin or causing sensitisation by skin contact.

- Criteria for use

- obligatory for very toxic and corrosive substances and preparations,

- obligatory for those substances and preparations to which either R21, R24 or R43 has been ascribed,

- obligatory for Category 3 carcinogens, mutagens and substances toxic to reproduction unless the effects are produced solely by inhalation of the substances and preparations,

- obligatory for organic peroxides, - recommended for toxic substances and preparations if the LD50 dermal value is unknown but the substance or preparation is likely to be harmful by skin contact,

- recommended for substances and preparations irritating to the skin.
S38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

- Applicability:
  - very toxic or toxic substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases involving the use of very toxic or toxic substances and preparations in industry or in agriculture.

S39 Wear eye/face protection

- Applicability:
  - organic peroxides,
  - corrosive substances and preparations, including irritants which give rise to risk of serious damage to the eyes.
  - very toxic and toxic substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for those substances and preparations to which R34, R35 or R41 have been ascribed,
  - obligatory for organic peroxides,
  - recommended when it is necessary to draw the attention of the user to eye contact risks not mentioned in the risk phrases which have to be ascribed,
  - normally limited to exceptional cases for very toxic and toxic substances and preparations, where there is a risk of splashing and they are likely to be easily absorbed by the skin.

S40 To clean the floor and all objects contaminated by this material use ... (to be specified by the manufacturer)

- Applicability:
  - all dangerous substances and preparations.
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- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to those dangerous substances and preparations for which water is not considered to be a suitable cleansing agent (e.g. where absorption by powdered material, dissolution by solvent etc. Is necessary) and where it is important for health and/or safety reasons to provide a warning on the label.

S41 In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes

- Applicability:
  - dangerous substances and preparations which on combustion give off very toxic or toxic gases.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases.

S42 During fumigation/spraying wear suitable respiratory equipment (appropriate wording to be specified by the manufacturer)

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations intended for such use but which may endanger the health and safety of the user unless proper precautions are taken.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to special cases.

S43 In case of fire use ... (indicate in the space the precise type of firefighting equipment. If water increases the risk add: Never use water)

- Applicability:
  - extremely flammable, highly flammable and flammable substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for substances and preparations which, in contact with water or damp air, evolve extremely flammable gases.

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S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

- **Applicability:**
  - very toxic substances and preparations,
  - toxic and corrosive substances and preparations,
  - substances and preparations causing sensitisation by inhalation.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - obligatory for the substances and preparations mentioned above.

S46 If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label

- **Applicability**
  - all dangerous substances and preparations other than those which are very toxic, toxic, corrosive or dangerous to the environment.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - obligatory for all dangerous substances and preparations mentioned above which are likely to be used by the general public, unless there is no reason to fear any danger from swallowing, particularly by children.

S47 Keep at temperature not exceeding ... °C (to be specified by the manufacturer)

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations which become unstable at a certain temperature.

- **Criteria for use:**
S48 *Keep wetted with .... (appropriate material to be specified by the manufacturer)*

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations which may become very sensitive to sparks, friction or impact if allowed to dry out.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - normally limited to special cases, e.g. nitrocelluloses.

S49 *Keep only in the original container*

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations sensitive to catalytic decomposition.

- **Criteria for use:**
  - substances and preparations sensitive to catalytic decomposition e.g. certain organic peroxides.

S50 *Do not mix with ... (to be specified by the manufacturer)*

- **Applicability:**
  - substances and preparations which may react with the specified product to evolve very toxic or toxic gases,

  - organic peroxides.

- **Criteria for use**
  - recommended for substances and preparations mentioned above which are likely to be used by the general public, when it is a better alternative to R31 or R32,

  - obligatory with certain peroxides which may give violent reaction with accelerators or promoters.

S51 *Use only in well-ventilated areas*
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- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations likely to or intended to produce vapours, dusts, sprays, fumes, mists, etc. which give rise to inhalation risks or to a fire or explosion risk

- Criteria for use:
  - recommended when use of S38 would not be appropriate. Thus important when such substances and preparations are likely to be used by the general public.

S52 Not recommended for interior use on large surface areas

- Applicability:
  - volatile, very toxic, toxic and harmful substances and preparations containing them.

- Criteria for use:
  - recommended when damage to health is likely to be caused by prolonged exposure to these substances and preparations by reason of their volatilisation from large treated surfaces in the home or other enclosed places where persons congregate.

S53 Avoid exposure - Obtain special instructions before use

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations that are carcinogenic, mutagenic and/or toxic to reproduction.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for the above-mentioned substances and preparations to which at least one of the following R-phrases has been assigned: R45, R46, R49, R60 or R61.

S56 Dispose of this material and its container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

- Applicability:
  - all dangerous substances and preparations.
- Criteria for use:
  - recommended for all dangerous substances and preparations likely to be used by the general public for which special disposal is required.

S57  *Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination*

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations which have been assigned the symbol ‘N’.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally limited to substances and preparations not likely to be used by the general public.

S59  *Refer to manufacturer for information on recovery/recycling*

- Applicability:
  - all dangerous substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - *obligatory* for substances and preparations dangerous for the ozone layer,
  - recommended for other substances and preparations for which recovery/recycling is recommended.

S60  *This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste*

- Applicability:
  - all dangerous substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - recommended for substances and preparations not likely to be used by the general public and where S35 is not assigned.
S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheet

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations dangerous for the environment.

- Criteria for use:
  - normally used for substances and preparations which have been assigned the symbol ‘N’,
  - recommended for all substances and preparations classified dangerous for the environment not covered above.

S62 If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

- Applicability:
  - substances and preparations classified as harmful with R65 in accordance with the criteria in section 3.2.3,
  - not applicable to substances and preparations which are placed on the market in aerosol containers (or in containers fitted with a sealed spray attachment), see sections 8 and 9.

- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for substances and preparations mentioned above, if sold to, or likely to be used by the general public, except when S45 or S46 are obligatory.
  - recommended for the substances and preparations mentioned above when used in industry, except where S45 or S46 are obligatory.

S63 In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.

- Applicability:
  - very toxic and toxic substances and preparations (gases, vapours, particulates, volatile liquids),
  - substances and preparations causing respiratory sensitisation.
- Criteria for use:
  - obligatory for substances and preparations to which R26, R23 or R42 has been assigned which are likely to be used by the general public in a way which could result in inhalation.

S64 *If swallowed, rinse mouth with water, (only if the person is conscious).*

- Applicability:
  - corrosive or irritant substances and preparations.

- Criteria for use:
  - recommended for the above substances and preparations which are likely to be used by the general public and where the above treatment is suitable.

7. LABELLING

7.1. When a substance or preparation has been classified the appropriate label is determined with reference to the requirements of Article 23 of this Directive and Article 10 of Directive 1999/45/EC for substances and preparations respectively. This section explains how the label is determined and, in particular, gives guidance on how to choose the appropriate risk and safety phrases.

The label contains the following information:

(a) for preparations the trade name or designation;

(b) for substances the name of the substance and for preparations the names of the substances present in the preparations in accordance with the rules set out in Article 10.2.3. of Directive 1999/45/EC;

(c) the name, full address and telephone number of the person responsible for placing the substance or preparation on the market, whether manufacturer, importer or distributor;

(d) the symbol(s) and indication(s) of danger;

(e) phrases indicating particular hazards (R-phrases);

(f) phrases indicating safety advice (S-phrases);
For substances, the EC number, and in addition for substances appearing in Annex I, the word ‘EC label’;

(h) for preparations offered or sold to the general public the nominal quantity of the contents unless specified elsewhere on the package.

Note

For certain preparations there are additional labelling requirements set out in Article 10.1.2. and Annex V of Directive 1999/45/EC and in Article 20 of Directive 98/8/EC.

7.1.1. Final choice of risk and safety phrases

Although the final choice of the most appropriate risk and safety phrases is primarily governed by the need to give all necessary information, consideration should also be given in the clarity and impact of the label. With clarity in mind, the necessary information should be expressed in a minimum number of phrases.

In the case of substances which are irritant, highly flammable, flammable and oxidising, an indication of R-phrases and S-phrases need not be given where the package does not contain more than 125ml. This shall also apply in the case of the same volume of harmful substances not retailed to the general public.

For preparations, if the contents of the package do not exceed 125 ml:

- if classified as highly flammable, oxidising, irritant, with the exception of those assigned R41, or dangerous for the environment and assigned the ‘N’ symbol it shall not be necessary to indicate the R-phrases or the S-phrases,

- if classified as flammable or dangerous to the environment and not assigned the ‘N’ symbol it shall be necessary to indicate the R-phrases but it shall not be necessary to indicate the S-phrases.

7.1.2. Without prejudice to Article 16.4. of Directive 91/414/EEC and to Directive 98/8/EC, indications such as ‘nontoxic’, ‘non-harmful’ ‘non-polluting’, ‘ecological’ or any other statement indicating that the substance or preparation is not dangerous or likely to lead to underestimation of the dangers of the substance or preparation in question shall not appear on the label or packaging of substances or preparations subject to this Directive or to Directive 1999/45/EC.
7.2. Chemical name(s) to be displayed on the label

7.2.1. For substances listed in Annex I the label shall show the name of the substances under one of the designations given in Annex I.

For substances not listed in Annex I, the name is established according to an internationally recognised chemical nomenclature as defined in Section 1.4 above.

7.2.2. For preparations, the choice of names to be displayed on the label follows the rules of Article 10.2.3. of Directive 1999/45/EC.

Note:

Subject to Annex V, B. 9. of Directive 1999/45/EC,

- the name of the sensitising substance must be chosen in accordance with Section 7.2.1 of this Annex,

- in the case of concentrate preparations which are intended for the perfume industry:

  - the person responsible for placing them on the market may identify merely the one sensitising substance judged by him to be primarily responsible for the sensitisation hazard.

  - in the case of a natural substance, the chemical name may be of the type: ‘essential oil of ...’ ‘extract of ...’, rather than the name of the constituents of that essential oil or extract.

7.3. Choice of danger symbols

The design of the danger symbols and the wording of the indications of danger shall comply with those laid down in Annex II. The symbol shall be printed in black on an orange-yellow background.

7.3.1. For substances appearing in Annex I the danger symbols and indications of danger shall be those shown in the Annex.

7.3.2. For dangerous substances not yet appearing in Annex I and for preparations, the danger symbols and indications of danger shall be assigned according to the rules laid down in this Annex.

Where more than one danger symbol is assigned to a substance or preparation:
7.4. Choice of Risk-phrases

The wording of the R-phrases shall comply with that laid down in Annex III.

The combined R-phrases in Annex III shall be used where applicable.

7.4.1. For substances appearing in Annex I, the R-phrases shall be those shown in the Annex.

7.4.2. For substances not appearing in Annex I, R-phrases will be selected according to the following criteria and priorities:

(a) in the case of dangers which give rise to health effects:

(i) R-phrases corresponding to the category of danger illustrated by a symbol must appear on the label;

(ii) R-phrases corresponding to other categories of danger which are not illustrated by a symbol by virtue of Article 23

(b) in the case of dangers arising from physicochemical properties:

- R-phrases corresponding to the category of danger illustrated by a symbol must appear on the label;

(c) in the case of dangers for the environment

- the R-phrases corresponding to the classification category ‘dangerous for the environment’ must appear on the label.

7.4.3. For preparations, R-phrases will be selected according to the following criteria and priorities:
(a) in the case of dangers which give rise to health effects:

(i) R-phrases which correspond to the category of danger illustrated by a symbol. In certain cases the R-phrases must be adopted according to the tables of Annex II, Part B of Directive 1999/45/EC. More specifically, the R-phrases of the constituent(s) which are responsible for the assignment of the preparation to a danger category must appear on the label.

(ii) R-phrases which correspond to other categories of danger which have been attributed to the constituents but which are not illustrated by a symbol by virtue of Article 10.2.4. of Directive 1999/45/EC;

(b) in the case of dangers arising from physicochemical properties:

- the criteria described under 7.4.3 (a) are applicable, except that the risk phrases ‘extremely flammable’ or ‘highly flammable’ need not be indicated where they repeat the wording of the indication of danger used with a symbol.

(c) in the case of dangers for the environment

(i) the R-phrase(s) corresponding to the classification category ‘dangerous for the environment’ must appear on the label;

(ii) where the R-phrase R50 has been assigned in addition to a combined R-phrase R51/53 or R52/53 or to the R-phrase 53 alone, the combined R-phrase R50/53 shall be used.

As a general rule, for preparations a maximum of six R-phrases shall suffice to describe the risk; for this purpose the combined phrases listed in Annex III shall be regarded as single phrases. However, if the preparation falls within more than one danger category, those standard phrases shall cover all the principal hazards associated with the preparation. In some cases, more than six R-phrases may be necessary.

7.5. Safety phrases

The wording of S-phrases shall comply with that laid down in Annex IV.
7.5.1. For substances appearing in Annex I, the S-phrases shall be those shown in the Annex. Where no S-phrases are shown, the manufacturer/importer may include any appropriate S-phrase(s). For substances not in Annex I and for preparations, the manufacturer shall include S-phrases in accordance with the criteria given in Chapter 6 of this Annex.

7.5.2. Choice of safety phrases

The final choice of safety phrases must have regard to the risk phrases indicated on the label and to the intended use of the substance or preparation:

- as a general rule, a maximum of six S-phrases shall suffice to formulate the most appropriate safety advice; for this purpose the combined phrases listed in Annex IV shall be regarded as single phrases,

- in the case of S-phrases concerning disposal, one S-phrase shall be used, unless it is clear that disposal of the material and its container does not present a danger for human health or the environment. In particular, advice on safe disposal is important for substances and preparations sold to the general public,

- some R-phrases become superfluous if a careful selection is made of S-phrases and vice versa; S-phrases which obviously correspond to R phrases will appear on the label only if it is intended to emphasise a specific warning,

- particular attention must be given, in the choice of safety phrases, to the foreseen conditions of use of certain substances and preparations, e.g. spraying or other aerosol effects. Phrases should be chosen with the intended use in view,

- the safety phrases S1, S2 and S45 are obligatory for all very toxic, toxic and corrosive substances and preparations sold to the general public,

- the safety phrases S2 and S46 are obligatory for all other dangerous substances and preparations (except those only classified as dangerous for the environment) sold to the general public.
7.6. The EC number

If a substance named on the label is listed in the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (Einecs) or in the European List of Notified Substances (Elincs), the Einecs or Elincs number of the substances shall be shown on the Label. This requirement does not apply to preparations.

7.7. Dimensions of the label for preparations

The dimensions of the label shall be as follows:

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<th>Capacity of the package</th>
<th>Dimensions (in millimetres)</th>
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<td>- not exceeding 3 litres:</td>
<td>if possible, at least 52 x 74</td>
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<td>- greater than 3 litres but not exceeding 50 litres:</td>
<td>at least 74 x 105</td>
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<tr>
<td>- greater than 50 litres but not exceeding 500 litres:</td>
<td>at least 105 x 148</td>
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<tr>
<td>- greater than 500 litres:</td>
<td>at least 148 x 210</td>
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Each symbol shall cover at least one-tenth of the surface area of the label but shall not be less than 1cm². The label shall be firmly affixed to one or more surfaces of the packaging immediately containing the preparation.

The information required on the label shall stand out clearly from its background and shall be of such size and spacing as to be easily read.

8. SPECIAL CASES: SUBSTANCES

8.1. Mobile gas cylinders

For mobile gas cylinders the requirements concerning labelling are considered to be satisfied when they are in agreement with Article 23 or Article 24 (6) b.

However, by way of derogation from Article 24 (1) and (2), one of the following alternatives can be used for gas cylinders with a water capacity of less than or equal to 150 litres:
8.2. Gas containers intended for propane, butane or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)

These substances are classified in Annex I. Although classified in accordance with Article 2, they do not present a danger to human health when they are placed on the market in closed refillable cylinders or in non-refillable cartridges within the scope of EN 417 as fuel gases which are only released for combustion (EN 417, September 1992 edition, relating to ‘Non-refillable metallic gas cartridges for liquefied petroleum gases, with or without a valve, for use with portable appliances; construction, inspection, testing and marking’).

These cylinders or cartridges must be labelled with the appropriate symbol and the R- and S-phrases concerning flammability. No information concerning the effects on human health is required on the label. However, the information concerning effects on human health which should have appeared on the label shall be transmitted to the professional user by the person responsible for placing the substance on the market in the format foreseen in Article 27 of the Directive. For the consumer, sufficient information shall be transmitted to enable them to take all necessary measures for health and safety as foreseen in Article 1 (3) of Directive 91/155/EEC, as modified by Directive 93/112/EEC.

8.3. Metals in massive form

These substances are classified in Annex I or shall be classified in accordance with Article 6. However, some of these substances, although classified in accordance with Article 2 do not present a danger to human health by inhalation, ingestion or contact with skin or to the aquatic environment in the form in which they are placed on the market. Such substances do not require a label according to Article 23. However, all the information which should have appeared on the label shall be transmitted to the user by the person responsible for placing the metal on the market, in a format foreseen in Article 27.

8.4. Substances classified with R65
9. SPECIAL CASES: PREPARATIONS

9.1. Gaseous preparations (gas mixtures)

For gaseous preparations, consideration must be given to:

- the evaluation of the physicochemical properties,
- the evaluation of health hazards,
- the evaluation of the environmental hazards.

9.1.1. Evaluation of physicochemical properties

9.1.1.1. Flammability

The flammable properties of these preparations are determined in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 1999/45/EC according to the methods specified in Part A of Annex V to this Directive.

These preparations will be classified according to the results of the tests carried out and with respect to the criteria of Annex V and to the criteria of the labelling guide.

However, by derogation, in the case where gaseous preparations are produced to order in small amounts, the flammability of these gaseous mixtures can be evaluated by the following calculation method:

the expression of the gaseous mixture

\[ A_1 F_1 + \ldots + A_i F_i + \ldots + B_1 I_1 + \ldots + B_i I_i + \ldots + B_p I_p \]

where: \( A_i \) and \( B_i \) are the molar fractions
\( F_i \) flammable gas
\( I_i \) inert gas
\( n \) number of flammable gases
\( p \) number of inert gases

can be transformed in a form where all the \( I_i \) (inert gases) are expressed by a nitrogen equivalent using a coefficient \( K_i \) and where the equivalent content of inflammable gas \( A'_i \) is expressed as follows:
By using the value of the maximum content of flammable gas which, in a mixture with nitrogen, gives a composition which is not flammable in air (Tci), the following expression can be obtained:

\[ \sum A'/Tci \leq 1 \]

The gas mixture is flammable if the value of the above expression is greater than one. The preparation is classified extremely flammable and, the phrase R12 is assigned.

Coefficients of equivalency (Ki)

The values of the coefficients of equivalency Ki, between the inert gases and nitrogen and the values of the maximum contents of flammable gas (Tci) may be found in tables 1 and 2 of the ISO Standard ISO 10156 edition 15. 12. 1990 (new: 1996 edition) relating to ‘Gases and gas mixtures - Determination of fire potential and oxidising ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets’.

Maximum content of flammable gas (Tci)


When a Tci value for a flammable gas does not appear in the above standard, the corresponding lower explosivity limit (LEL) will be used. If no LEL value exists, the value of Tci will be set at 1 % by volume.

Remarks

- The expression above can be used to allow an appropriate labelling of gaseous preparations, however, it should not be regarded as a method for replacing experimentation for the determination of technical safety parameters.

- Furthermore, this expression gives no information as to whether a mixture containing oxidising gases can be prepared safely. When estimating flammability these oxidising gases are not taken into account.

- The expression above will give reliable results only if the flammable gases do not influence each other as far as their
9.1.1.2. Oxidising properties

Given the fact that Annex V to this Directive does not contain a method to determine the oxidising properties of gaseous mixtures, the evaluation of these properties must be realised according to the following estimation method.

The principle of the method is comparison of the oxidising potential of gases in a mixture with that of the oxidising potential of oxygen in air. The concentrations of gases in the mixture are expressed in % vol.

It is considered that the gas mixture is as oxidant as or more oxidant than air, if the following condition is verified:

$$\sum x_i \cdot C_i \geq 21$$

Where: $x_i$ is the concentration of gas $i$ in % vol,

$C_i$ is the coefficient of oxygen equivalency.

In this case, the preparation is classified as oxidising and the phrase R8 will be assigned.

Coefficients of equivalency between gases and oxygen

The coefficients used in the calculation to determine the oxidising capacity of certain gases in a mixture with respect to the oxidising capacity of oxygen in air, listed under 5.2. in the ISO Standard ISO 10156 edition 15. 12. 1990 (new: 1996 edition) relating to ‘Gases and gas mixtures - Determination of fire potential and oxidising ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets’, are the following.

$$\begin{align*}
O_2 & : 1 \\
N_2O & : 0.6
\end{align*}$$

When no value for the $C_i$ coefficient exists for a gas in the cited standard a value of 40 is attributed to this coefficient.

9.1.2. Labelling

For mobile gas containers the requirements concerning labelling are considered to be satisfied when they are in agreement with Article 11. 6. (b) of Directive 1999/45/EC.
However, by way of derogation from Articles 11.1. and 11.2., for gas containers with a water capacity of less than or equal to 150 litres, the format and dimensions of the label can follow the prescriptions of the ISO Standard 7225 (1994 edition) relating to ‘Gas cylinders - Precautionary labels’. In this case, the label can bear the generic name or industrial/commercial name of the preparation provided that the dangerous component substances of the preparation are shown on the body of the gas cylinder in a clear and indelible way.

The information specified in Article 10 may be provided on a durable information disc or label held captive on the containers.

9.2. Gas containers intended for preparations containing stenched propane, butane or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)

Propane, butane and liquefied petroleum gas are classified in Annex I. Although preparations containing these substances are classified in accordance with Articles 5, 6 and 7 of Directive 1999/45/EC, they do not present a danger to human health when they are placed on the market in closed refillable cylinders or non-refillable cartridges within the scope on EN 417 as fuel gases which are only released for combustion (EN 417, September 1992 edition, relating to ‘Non-refillable metallic gas cartridges for liquefied petroleum gases, with or without a valve, for use with portable appliances; construction, inspection, testing and marking’).

These cylinders and cartridges must be labelled with the appropriate symbol and the R- and S-phrases concerning flammability. No information concerning the effects on human health is required on the label. However, the information concerning effects on human health which should have appeared on the label shall be transmitted to the professional user by the person responsible for placing the substance on the market in the format foreseen in Article 14 of Directive 1999/45/EC. For the consumer, sufficient information shall be transmitted to enable them to take all necessary measures for health and safety as foreseen in Article 1 (3) of Directive 91/155/EEC.

9.3. Alloys, preparations containing polymers, preparations containing elastomers

These preparations shall be classified according to the requirements of Articles 5, 6 and 7 and labelled according to the requirements of Article 10 of Directive 1999/45/EC.

However some of these preparations although classified in accordance with Articles 6 and 7 do not present a danger to human health by inhalation, ingestion or contact with the skin or to the aquatic environment in the form
9.4. **Preparations classified with R65**

Preparations classified as harmful on the basis of an aspiration hazard need not be labelled as harmful with R65 when placed on the market in aerosol containers or in containers fitted with a sealed spray attachment.

9.5. **Organic peroxides**

Organic peroxides combine the properties of an oxidiser and a combustible substance in one molecule: when an organic peroxide decomposes, the oxidising part of the molecule reacts exothermically with the combustible (oxidisable) part. For the oxidising properties the existing methods in Annex V cannot be applied to the organic peroxides.

The following calculation method based on the presence of active oxygen must be used.

The available oxygen content (%) of an organic peroxide preparation is given by the formula:

\[
16 \times \sum (n_i \times c_i / m_i)
\]

where:

- \( n_i \) = number of peroxygen groups per molecule of organic peroxide \( i \),
- \( c_i \) = concentration (mass %) of organic peroxide \( i \),
- \( m_i \) = molecular mass of organic peroxide \( i \).

9.6. **Additional labelling requirements for certain preparations**

For certain preparations there are additional labelling requirements set out in Article 10.1.2. and Annex V of Directive 1999/45/EC and Article 20 of Directive 98/8/EC.

**COMMISSION STATEMENT**

With regard to Section 4.1.5. and in particular to the last paragraph of Section 4.1.5., the Commission states that, should it envisage making use of the procedure of Article 28, it is prepared to consult in advance appropriate
FACTORIES (CONTROL OF CARCINOGENS AND MUTAGENS AT WORK) REGULATIONS 2003.

This consultation will take place in the framework of the normal consultation procedure with national experts and/or in the framework of existing committees. The same will be the case when substances already included in Annex I must be reclassified in respect of their carcinogenic, mutagenic effects, or effects toxic to reproduction.

PART 4
ANNEX II TO DIRECTIVE 99/45/EEC

ANNEX II

METHODS FOR THE EVALUATION OF HEALTH HAZARDS OF PREPARATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 6

Introduction

An assessment must be made for all the health effects corresponding to the health effects of substances contained in a preparation. This conventional method described in Parts A and B of this Annex is a calculation method which is applicable to all preparations and which takes into consideration all the health hazards of substances contained in the preparation. For that purpose the dangerous health effects have been subdivided into:

1. acute lethal effects;
2. non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure;
3. severe effects after repeated or prolonged exposure;
4. corrosive effects, irritant effects;
5. sensitising effects;
6. carcinogenic effects, mutagenic effects, toxic effects for reproduction.

The health effects of a preparation are to be assessed in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) by the conventional method described in parts A and B of this Annex using individual concentration limits.
The procedure for classification is set out in Part A of this Annex.

The classification of the substance(s) and the resulting classification of the preparation are expressed:

- either by a symbol and one or more risk phrases, or
- by categories (category 1, category 2 or category 3) also assigned risk phrases when substances and preparations are shown to be carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction. Therefore it is important to consider, in addition to the symbol, all the phrases denoting specific risks which are assigned to each substance under consideration.

The systematic assessment of all the dangerous health effects is expressed by means of concentration limits, expressed as a weight/weight percentage except for gaseous preparations where they are expressed as a volume/volume percentage and in conjunction with the classification of the substance.

Where they are not given in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC, the concentration limits to be taken into account for the application of this conventional method are those set out in Part B of this Annex.

PART A

Procedure for evaluation of health hazards

The evaluation proceeds stepwise as follows:

1. The following preparations are to be classified as very toxic:

   1.1. owing to their acute lethal effects and assigned the symbol ‘T+', the indication of danger ‘very toxic’ and the risk phrases R26, R27 or R28;
1.1.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as very toxic that produce such effects, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 1 in Part B of this Annex (Table I and I A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

1.1.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as very toxic in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 1.1.1(a) or (b) if:

\[ \sum \left( \frac{P_{Ti}}{L_{Ti}} \right) \geq 1 \]

where:

\( P_{Ti} \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each very toxic substance in the preparation,

\( L_{Ti} \) = is the very toxic limit specified for each very toxic substance, expressed as a percentage by weight or by volume;

1.2. owing to their non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure and assigned the symbol ‘T+’, the indication of danger ‘very toxic’ and the risk phrase R39/route of exposure.

Preparations containing at least one dangerous substance that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 2 in Part B of this Annex (Table II and II A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

2. The following preparations shall be classified as toxic:
2.1. owing to their acute lethal effects and assigned the symbol ‘T’, the indication of danger ‘toxic’ and the risk phrases R23, R24 or R25;

2.1.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as very toxic or toxic that produce such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 1 in Part B of this Annex (Table I and I A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

2.1.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as very toxic or toxic in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 2.1.1(a) or (b) if:

\[ \sum \left( \frac{P_{T1}}{L_T} + \frac{P_T}{L_T} \right) \geq 1 \]

where:

\( P_{T1} \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each very toxic substance in the preparation,

\( P_T \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each toxic substance in the preparation,

\( L_T \) = is the respective toxic limit specified for each very toxic or toxic substance, expressed as a percentage by weight or by volume;

2.2. owing to their non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure and assigned the symbol ‘T’ the indication of danger ‘toxic’ and the risk phrase R39/route of exposure.

Preparations containing at least one dangerous substance classified as very toxic or toxic that produce such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or
(b) the concentration specified at point 2 in Part B of this Annex (Table II and II A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

2.3. owing to their long-term effects and assigned the symbol ‘TÍ’ the indication of danger ‘toxic’ and the risk phrase R48/route of exposure.

Preparations containing at least one dangerous substance that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 3 in Part B of this Annex (Table III and III A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

3. The following preparations shall be classified as harmful:

3.1. owing to their acute lethal effects and assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the indication of danger ‘harmful’ and the risk phrases R20, R21 or R22;

3.1.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as very toxic, toxic or harmful and that produce such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 1 in Part B of this Annex (Table I and I A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

3.1.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as very toxic, toxic or harmful in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 3.1.1(a) or (b) if:

$$\sum \left( \frac{P_{T1}}{L_{Xn}} + \frac{P_T}{L_{Xn}} + \frac{P_{Xn}}{L_{Xn}} \right) \geq 1$$
where:

\[ P_{T'} = \text{the percentage by weight or by volume of each very toxic substance in the preparation,} \]

\[ P_T = \text{the percentage by weight or by volume of each toxic substance in the preparation,} \]

\[ P_{Xn} = \text{the percentage by weight or by volume of each harmful substance in the preparation,} \]

\[ L_{Xn} = \text{the respective harmful limit specified for each very toxic, toxic or harmful substance, expressed as percentage by weight or by volume;} \]

3.2. owing to their acute effects to the lungs if swallowed and assigned the symbol ‘X_{n}’, and the indication of danger În-harmfulÎ and the risk phrase R65.

Preparations classified as harmful according to the criteria specified in paragraph 3.2.3 of Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC. In applying the conventional method according to the above paragraph 3.1 no account shall be taken of the classification of a substance as R65;

3.3. owing to their non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure and assigned the symbol ‘X_{n}’, the indication of danger În-harmfulÎ and the risk phrase R40/route of exposure.

Preparations containing at least one dangerous substance classified as very toxic, toxic or harmful that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 2 in Part B of this Annex (Table II and II A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

3.4. owing to their long-term effects and assigned the symbol ‘X_{n}’, the indication of danger ‘harmful’ and the risk phrase R48/route of exposure.

Preparations containing at least one dangerous substance classified as toxic or harmful that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:
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(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 3 in Part B of this Annex (Table III and III A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

4. The following preparations are to be classified as corrosive

4.1. and assigned the symbol ‘C’, the indication of danger ‘corrosive’ and the risk phrase R35;

4.1.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as corrosive to which is assigned the phrase R35 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV and IV A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

4.1.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as corrosive to which is assigned phrase R35 in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 4.1.1(a) or (b) if:

\[ \sum \left( \frac{P_{C,R35}}{L_{C,R35}} \right) \geq 1 \]

where:

\( P_{C,R35} \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance which is assigned phrase R35 in the preparation,

\( L_{C,R35} \) = is the corrosive limit R35 specified for each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35, expressed as a percentage by weight or by volume;

4.2. and assigned the symbol ‘C’, the indication of danger ‘corrosive’ and the risk phrase R34;
4.2.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as corrosive to which is assigned the phrase R35 or R34 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV and IV A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

4.2.2. preparations containing more than one of the substances classified as corrosive to which is assigned the phrase R35 or R34 in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 4.2.1(a) or (b) if:

\[ \sum \left( \frac{P_{C,R35}}{L_{C,R35}} + \frac{P_{C,R34}}{L_{C,R34}} \right) \geq 1 \]

where:

\( P_{C,R35} \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 in the preparation,

\( P_{C,R34} \) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R34 in the preparation,

\( L_{C,R34} \) = is the respective corrosive limit R34 specified for each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34, expressed as a percentage by weight or by volume.

5. The following preparations are to be classified as irritants:

5.1. liable to cause serious eye damage and assigned the symbol ‘Xi’, the indication of danger ‘irritant’ and the risk phrase R41;

5.1.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as irritant to which is assigned phrase R41 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV and IV A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.
5.1.2. preparations containing more than one of the substances classified as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R41, or classified as corrosive and to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34, in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 5.1.1(a) or (b) if:

$$\sum \left( \frac{P_{c,R_{35}}}{L_{x_{i},R_{41}}} + \frac{P_{c,R_{34}}}{L_{x_{i},R_{41}}} + \frac{P_{x_{i},R_{41}}}{L_{x_{i},R_{41}}} \right) \geq 1$$

where:

$$P_{c, R_{35}} =$$ is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 in the preparation,

$$P_{c, R_{34}} =$$ is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R34 in the preparation,

$$P_{x_{i}, R_{41}} =$$ is the percentage by weight or by volume of each irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R41 in the preparation,

$$L_{x_{i}, R_{41}} =$$ is the respective irritant limit R41 specified for each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 or irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R41, expressed as percentage by weight or by volume;

5.2. irritant to eyes and assigned the symbol ‘$X_{i}$’, the indication of danger ‘irritant’ and the risk phrase R36;

5.2.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as corrosive to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 or as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R41 or R36 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV and IV A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

5.2.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as irritant to which is assigned phrase R41 or R36, or as corrosive and to which is
5.3. irritant to skin and assigned the symbol ‘X;’, the indication of danger ‘irritant’ and the risk phrase R38;

5.3.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R38 or as corrosive and to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV a and IV A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

5.3.2. preparations containing more than one of the substances classified as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R38, or as corrosive and to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 5.3.1(a) or (b) if:
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\[
\sum \left( \frac{P_{C,R35}}{L_{Xi,R38}} \right) + \sum \left( \frac{P_{C,R34}}{L_{Xi,R38}} \right) + \sum \left( \frac{P_{Xl,R38}}{L_{Xi,R38}} \right) \geq 1
\]

where:

\(P_{C, R35}\) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 in the preparation,

\(P_{C, R34}\) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R34 in the preparation,

\(P_{Xl,R38}\) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R38 in the preparation,

\(L_{Xi,R38}\) = is the respective irritant limit R38 specified for each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 or irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R38, expressed as percentage by weight or by volume;

5.4. irritant to respiratory system and assigned the symbol ‘Xi’, the indication of danger ‘irritant’ and the risk phrase R37;

5.4.1. preparations containing one or more substances classified as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R37 in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 4 in Part B of this Annex (Table IV and IV A) where the substance or the substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

5.4.2. preparations containing more than one substance classified as irritant and to which is assigned phrase R37 in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 5.4.1(a) or (b) if:

\[
\sum \left( \frac{P_{Xl,R37}}{L_{Xi,R37}} \right) \geq 1
\]

where:

\(P_{Xl,R37}\) = is the percentage by weight or by volume of each irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R37 in the preparation,
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L\text{Xi, R37} = \text{is the irritant limit R37 specified for each irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R37, expressed as percentage by weight or by volume;}

5.4.3. gaseous preparations containing more than one of the substances classified as irritant to which is assigned phrase R37 or as corrosive and to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 in lower individual concentrations than the limits specified under 5.4.1(a) or (b) if:

\[
\sum \left( \frac{P_{C, R35}}{L_{Xi, R37}} + \frac{P_{C, R34}}{L_{Xi, R37}} + \frac{P_{Xi, R37}}{L_{Xi, R37}} \right) \geq 1
\]

where:

P_{C, R35} = \text{is the percentage by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 in the preparation,}

P_{C, R34} = \text{is the percentage by volume of each corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R34 in the preparation,}

P_{Xi, R37} = \text{is the percentage by volume of each irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R37 in the preparation,}

L_{Xi, R37} = \text{is the respective irritant limit R37 specified for each gaseous corrosive substance to which is assigned phrase R35 or R34 or gaseous irritant substance to which is assigned phrase R37, expressed as percentage by weight or by volume.}

6. The following preparations are to be classified as sensitising:

6.1. by skin contact and assigned the symbol ‘Xi’, the indication of danger ‘irritant’ and the risk phrase R43.

Preparations containing at least one substance classified as sensitising and to which is assigned phrase R43 that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 5 in Part B of this Annex (Table V and V A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;
6.2. by inhalation and assigned the symbol ‘Xₙ’, the indication of danger ‘harmful’ and the risk phrase R42.

Preparations containing at least one substance classified as sensitising to which is assigned phrase R42 that produces such effects in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 5 in Part B of this Annex (Table V and V A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

7. The following preparations are to be classified as carcinogenic:

7.1. those of category 1 or 2 which are assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the phrase R45 or R49.

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as carcinogenic and to which is assigned phrase R45 or R49 which denotes carcinogenic substances in category 1 and category 2, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

7.2. those of category 3 which are assigned the symbol ‘Xₙ’ and the phrase R40.

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects classified as carcinogenic and to which is assigned phrase R40 which denotes carcinogenic substances in category 3, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:
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(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

8. The following preparations are to be classified as mutagenic:

8.1. those of category 1 or 2 which are assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the phrase R46.

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as mutagenic and to which is assigned phrase R46 which denotes mutagenic substances in category 1 and category 2, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

8.2. those of category 3 which are assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the phrase R40.

Preparations containing at least one substance, producing such effects, classified as mutagenic and to which is assigned phrase R40 which denotes mutagenic substances in category 3, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

9. The following preparations are to be classified as toxic for reproduction:
9.1. those of category 1 or 2 which are assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the phrase R60 (fertility).

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as toxic for reproduction and to which is assigned phrase R60 which denotes substances toxic for reproduction of category 1 and category 2, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

   (a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

   (b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

9.2. those of category 3 which are assigned the symbol ‘Xₙ’ and the phrase R62 (fertility).

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as toxic for reproduction and to which is assigned phrase R62 which denotes substances toxic for reproduction of category 3, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

   (a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

   (b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

9.3. those of category 1 or 2 which are assigned the symbol ‘T’ and the phrase R61 (development).

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as toxic for reproduction and to which is assigned phrase R61 which denotes substances toxic for reproduction of category 1 and category 2, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

   (a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or
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(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits;

9.4. those of category 3 which are assigned the symbol ‘Xn’ and the phrase R63 (development).

Preparations containing at least one substance producing such effects, classified as toxic for reproduction and to which is assigned phrase R63 which denotes substances toxic for reproduction of category 3, in individual concentrations equal to or greater than:

(a) either the concentration specified in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC for the substance or substances under consideration, or

(b) the concentration specified at point 6 in Part B of this Annex (Table VI and VI A) where the substance or substances do not appear in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC or appear in it without concentration limits.

PART B

Concentration limits to be used in evaluation of health hazards

For each health effect, the first table (Tables I to VI) sets out the concentration limits (expressed as a weight/weight percentage) to be used for non-gaseous preparations and the second table (Tables I A to VI A) sets out the concentration limits (expressed as a volume/volume percentage) to be used for gaseous preparations. These concentration limits are used in the absence of specific concentration limits for the substance under consideration in Annex I to Directive 67/548/EEC.

1. Acute lethal effects

1.1. Non - gaseous preparations

The concentration limits fixed in Table I, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, determine the classification of the preparation in relation to the individual concentration of the substance(s) present whose classification is also shown.

Table I
The R phrases denoting risk are to be assigned to the preparation in accordance with the following criteria:

- the label shall include one or more of the abovementioned R phrases according to the classification used,

- in general, the R phrases selected should be those applicable to the substance(s) present in the concentration which gives rise to the most severe classification.

1.2. Gaseous preparations

The concentration limits expressed as a volume/volume percentage in Table I A below determine the classification of the gaseous preparations in relation to the individual concentration of the gas(es) present whose classification is also shown.

**Table I A**

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<th>Classification of the substance (gas)</th>
<th>Classification of the gaseous preparation</th>
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<td>T⁺</td>
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<tr>
<td>T⁺ with R26, R27, R28</td>
<td>concentration ≥1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>T with R23, R24, R25</td>
<td>concentration ≥5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Xn with R20, R21, R22</td>
<td>concentration ≥5%</td>
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The R phrases denoting risk shall be assigned to the preparation in accordance with the following criteria:

- the label shall include one or more of the abovementioned R phrases according to the classification used,

- in general, the R phrases selected should be those applicable to the substance(s) present in the concentration which gives rise to the most severe classification.

2. Non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure

2.1. Non-gaseous preparations

For substances that produce non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure (R39/route of exposure, R40/ route of exposure), the individual concentration limits specified in Table II, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Classification of the substance</th>
<th>Classification of the preparation</th>
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<tr>
<td>T+ with R39/route of exposure</td>
<td>T</td>
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<tr>
<td>concentration ≥10% R39 (*)</td>
<td>1% concentration ≤10% R39 (*)</td>
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<td>obligatory</td>
<td>obligatory</td>
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| T with R39/route of exposure    | concentration ≥10% R39 (*)       | 1%                              |
| concentration ≤10% R39 (*)      | ≤ concentration <10% R39 (*)     | <1% R40 (*)                     |
| obligatory                      | obligatory                       | obligatory                      |

| Xn with R40/route of exposure   | concentration ≥10% R40 (*)       |                                 |
| concentration <10% R40 (*)      |                                 |                                 |
| obligatory                      |                                 |                                 |

(*) In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure (route of exposure) the combined R phrases listed under points 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the labelling guide (Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC) are to be used.

2.2. Gaseous Preparations

For gases that produce non-lethal irreversible effects after a single exposure (R39/route of exposure, R40/route of exposure), the individual concentration limits specified in Table II A, expressed as a volume/volume
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percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

### Table II A

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<td>T+</td>
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<td>concentration ≥1% R39 (*) obligatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>T with R39/route of exposure</td>
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<tr>
<td>concentration &gt;5% R39 (*) obligatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>X_n with R40/route of exposure</td>
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<td>concentration ≥5% R40 (*) obligatory</td>
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(*) In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure (route of exposure) the combined R phrases listed under points 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the labelling guide (Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC) are to be used.

3. **Severe effects after repeated or prolonged exposure**

3.1. Non-gaseous preparations

For substances that produce severe effects after repeated or prolonged exposure (R 48/route of exposure), the individual concentration limits specified in Table III, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

### Table III

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<th>Classification of the substance</th>
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<td>T with R48/route of exposure</td>
<td>concentration ≥10% R48 (*) obligatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>X_n with R48/route of exposure</td>
<td>concentration ≥10% R48 (*) obligatory</td>
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(*) In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure (route of exposure) the combined R phrases listed under points 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the labelling guide (Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC) are to be used.
3.2. Gaseous preparations

For gases that produce severe effects after repeated or prolonged exposure (R48/route of exposure), the individual concentration limits specified in Table III A below, expressed as a volume/volume percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

**Table III A**

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<th>Classification of the substance (gas)</th>
<th>Classification of the gaseous preparation</th>
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<td>T</td>
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<tr>
<td>T with R48/route of exposure</td>
<td>concentration ≥5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>X_n with R48/route of exposure</td>
<td>concentration ≥5%</td>
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(*) In order to indicate the route of administration/exposure (route of exposure) the combined R phrases listed under points 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 of the labelling guide (Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC) are to be used.

4. Corrosive and irritant effects including serious damage to the eye

4.1. Non gaseous preparations

For substances that produce corrosive effects (R34, R35) or irritant effects (R36, R37, R38, R41), the individual concentration limits specified in Table IV, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

**Table IV**

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<th>Classification of the substance</th>
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<tr>
<td>C with R35</td>
<td>C with R34</td>
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<tr>
<td>concentration ≥10% R35 obligatory</td>
<td>5% ≤ concentration &lt;10% R34 obligatory</td>
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<td>C with R34</td>
<td>concentration ≥10% R34 obligatory</td>
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<th>X, with R41</th>
<th>R36/38 obligatory</th>
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<td>concentration ≥10% R41 obligatory</td>
<td>5% ≤ concentration &lt;10% R36 obligatory</td>
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<td>concentration ≥20% R36, R37, R38 are obligatory in the light of the concentration present if they apply to the substances under consideration</td>
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(*) According to the labelling guide (Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC), corrosive substances assigned risk phrases R35 or R34 must also be considered as being assigned phrase R41. Consequently, if the preparation contains corrosive substances with R35 or R34 below the concentration limits for a classification of the preparation as corrosive, such substances can contribute to a classification of the preparation as irritant with R41 or irritant with R36.

4.2. Gaseous preparations

For gases that produce such effects (R34, R35 or R36, R37, R38, R41), the individual concentration limits specified in Table IV A below, expressed as a volume/volume percentage determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

Table IV A

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<td>C with R35 C with R34 X, with R41 X, with R36, R37, R38</td>
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<tr>
<td>C with R35 concentration ≥1% R35 obligatory</td>
<td>0,2% ≤ concentration &lt;1% R34 obligatory 0,2% (*)</td>
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<td>0,02% ≤ concentration &lt;0,2% R36/37/38 obligatory</td>
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5. Sensitising effects

5.1. Non-gaseous preparations

Preparations that produce such effects are classified as sensitising and assigned:

- the symbol Xₙ and phrase R42 if this effect can be produced by inhalation,
- the symbol Xᵢ and phrase R43 if this effect can be produced through contact with the skin.

The individual concentration limits specified in Table V, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

Table V

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<td>Sensitising with R42</td>
<td>concentration ≥1% R42 obligatory</td>
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<td>Sensitising with R43</td>
<td>concentration ≥1% R43 obligatory</td>
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5.2. Gaseous preparations

Gaseous preparations that produce such effects are classified as sensitising and assigned:

- the symbol $X_n$ and phrase R42 if this effect can be produced by inhalation,

- the symbol $X_i$ and phrase R43 if this effect can be produced through contact with the skin.

The individual concentration limits specified in Table V A below, expressed as a volume/volume percentage, determine, when appropriate, the classification of the preparation.

**Table V A**

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<td>Sensitising with R42</td>
<td>concentration $\geq 0.2%$ R42 obligatory</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Sensitising with R43</td>
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<td>concentration $\geq 0.2%$ R43 obligatory</td>
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6. Carcinogenic/mutagenic/toxic effects for reproduction

6.1. Non-gaseous preparations

For substances which produce such effects, the concentration limits laid down in Table VI, expressed as a weight/weight percentage, shall determine, where appropriate, the classification of the preparation. The following symbol and risk phrases are assigned:

- Carcinogenic categories 1 and 2: T; R45 or R49
- Carcinogenic category 3: $X_n$; R40
- Mutagenic categories 1 and 2: T; R46
- Mutagenic category 3: $X_n$; R40
- Toxic for reproduction fertility categories 1 and 2: T; R60
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Toxic for reproduction development categories 1 and 2: T; R61
Toxic for reproduction fertility category 3: Xₙ; R62
Toxic for reproduction development category 3: Xₙ; R63

Table VI

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6.2. Gaseous preparations
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For gases which produce such effects, the concentration limits laid down in Table VI A, expressed as a volume/ volume percentage, shall determine, where appropriate, the classification of the preparation. The following symbol and risk phrases are assigned:

- Carcinogenic categories 1 and 2: T; R45 or R49
- Carcinogenic category 3: Xn; R40
- Mutagenic categories 1 and 2: T; R46
- Mutagenic category 3: Xn; R40
- Toxic for reproduction fertility categories 1 and 2: T; R60
- Toxic for reproduction development categories 1 and 2: T; R61
- Toxic for reproduction fertility category 3: Xn; R62
- Toxic for reproduction development category 3: Xn; R63
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List of substances, mixtures and processes which also constitute carcinogens

1. Manufacture of auramine.

2. Work involving exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons present in coal soot, coal tar or coal pitch.

3. Work involving exposure to dusts, fumes and sprays produced during the roasting and electro-refining of cupro-nickel mattes.

4. Strong acid process in the manufacture of isopropyl alcohol.

5. Work involving exposure to hardwood dusts

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1 A list of some hardwoods is to be found in Volume 62 of the Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans ‘Wood Dust and Formaldehyde’, published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon 1995
## Limit values for occupational exposure

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\(^2\) EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances.

\(^3\) CAS: Chemical Abstract Service Number

\(^4\) mg/cubic metre = milligrams per cubic metre of air at 20°C and 101,3 KPa (760 mm mercury pressure).

\(^5\) ppm = parts per million by volume in air (ml/cubic metre).

\(^6\) Measured or calculated in relation to a reference period of eight hours.

\(^7\) Substantial contribution to the total body burden via dermal exposure possible.

\(^8\) Inhalable fraction; if hardwood dusts are mixed with other wood dusts, the limit value shall apply to all wood dusts present in that mixture.