

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE

Important information concerning the sale of chemicals and dangerous substances

As part of the EU laws regulating the sale of chemicals and dangerous substances, it is required that any advertisement for a substance or a mixture classified as hazardous shall mention the type or types of hazard indicated on the label.

Further information is available here under the following links: [Directive 1999/45/EC](#) (applicable until 31 May 2015 for mixtures) and [Regulation \(EC\) No 1272/2008](#) (applicable since 1 December 2011 for substances, applicable as of 1 June 2015 for mixtures).

Where do I find this information?

This information is present on the product label itself and in a document called 'material safety data sheet' (a material safety data sheet, also known as MSDS or SDS, is a mandatory document containing data regarding the properties of a particular dangerous substance).

It is communicated to the user in the form of warning symbols:



or in the form of risk and safety phrases, which wording is defined in Annexes III and IV to [Directive 67/548/EEC](#), or hazard and precaution statements which are determined in Annexes III and IV of the [Regulation \(EC\) No 1272/2008](#).

Please find below examples of common phrases and statements:

- Risk phrases (r-phrase):
 - o R11: Highly flammable
 - o R20: Harmful by inhalation
 - o R36: Irritating to eyes
- Safety phrases (s-phrase):
 - o S2: Keep out of the reach of children

- S28: After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of ... (to be specified by the manufacturer)
- S36: Wear suitable protective clothing
- Hazard statements (h-statement):
 - H221: Flammable gas
 - H335: May cause respiratory irritation
 - H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects
- Precaution statements (p-statement):
 - P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
 - P313: Get medical advice/attention
 - P403: Store in a well-ventilated place

As a general rule, products that are flammable, pressurised, oxidising, corrosive, environmentally hazardous or otherwise irritant or harmful substances should bear at least one of the following warnings, with the exception of cosmetics which may not do so.

Actions Required

In order to add applicable warnings to your product listings, you should do the following:

Determine if EU laws regulating the sale of chemicals and dangerous substances [Directive 1999/45/EC](#) and [Regulation \(EC\)No 1272/2008](#) apply to your product. This may inter alia be verified by contacting the manufacturer or checking the product labelling.

If you identify that the products you list are not affected, no further action is required from you.

However, if you have identified that your products may be affected, we recommend that you fill in the 'Product Compliance' template that is available in Seller Central under:

Help > Inventory File Template > Checking the status of your file uploads > Template

To create an inventory file, you need a copy of the appropriate Inventory File Template.

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Automotive *
Baby
Beauty *
Consumer Electronics
Grocery & Beverages *
Health & Personal Care *
Home and Garden
Home Improvement
Jewellery *
Kindle Accessories
Large Appliances
Lighting
Musical Instruments
Office
Pet Supplies (Do not use for Pet Food! For Pet Food please continue to use the Grocery flat file.)
Product Compliance
Shoes & Accessories
Software & Video Games
Sports
Toys Baby
Watches *
Computers & Accessories

The Product Compliance template contains 5 tabs:

- 'Instructions': this tab will give you some useful information about how to use your EUCompliance data feed template
- 'Data Definitions': this tab will explain the information you shall fill in and the format
- 'Template': this is the template that you shall complete
- 'Example': this tab provides an example of how to complete the information
- 'Valid values': this tab contains the full list of acceptable values. You will be required to enter the full wording.

Please note that out of the 586 acceptable values, 41 values require additional information that may vary from one product to the other.

For example:

Let's take the safety phrase S23 that corresponds to 'Do not breathe ...': you will be required to enter a additional value like 'gas', in order to complete the phrase.

If you miss entering the value, your upload will fail.

Once completed, upload your Product Compliance Compliance template in Seller Central. Done!

Can you give a concrete example?

Let's take the following product:

Mr Muscle 5 in 1 Bathroom and Toilet Cleaner 750 ml:



Irritating to eyes; Keep out of the reach of children; Do not breathe spray; Avoid contact with eyes; In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice; If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label; Use only in well-ventilated areas.

You will find the relevant information either on the product itself (often at the back of the product) or on the material safety data sheet.

If you do not have the material safety data sheet on hand, you may ask your supplier or the manufacturer of the product.

The relevant information can be found in section 2 or 15 of the material safety data sheet:

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Labelling according to EC Directives

Hazardous components which must be listed on the label:

Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Weight percent
l-(+)-lactic acid	79-33-4	1.76

Symbol(s)	: Xi	Irritant
R-phrase(s)	: R36	Irritating to eyes.
S-phrase(s)	: S 2 S23 S25 S26 S46 S51	Keep out of the reach of children. Do not breathe spray. Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label. Use only in well-ventilated areas.

Now, fill in the information in the EUCompliance template (tab 'Template'):

- Cell B3 corresponds to the risk phrase or R-Phrase R36 'Irritating to eyes'
- Cell C3 corresponds to the safety phrase or S-phrase S2 'Keep out of the reach of children'
- Cell D3 corresponds to the safety phrase or S-phrase S23 'Do not breathe spray'
- Cell E3 corresponds to the safety phrase or S-phrase S25 'Avoid contact with eyes'
- Cell F3 corresponds to the safety phrase of S-phrase S26 'In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice'
- Cell G3 corresponds to the safety phrase of S-phrase S46 'If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label'
- Cell H3 corresponds to the safety phrase of S-phrase S51 'Use only in well-ventilated areas'.

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And finally, follow the usual procedure to upload the template in Seller Central.

Additional information can be found here: [Upload my inventory file](#).

Done!

Pursuant to our terms and conditions (in particular the Amazon Services Europe Business Solutions Agreement), you have to ensure that your products (including packaging) and your offer and subsequent sale of any of the same comply with all applicable laws (including all marking and labelling requirements). Therefore, please make sure that you

- Familiarise yourself with the requirements raised under the [Directive 1999/45/EC](#) and [Regulation \(EC\) No 1272/2008](#) and the relevant national implementing laws,
- And ensure that your products and product information will be fully compliant with these requirements as of the effective dates.

We would especially like to draw your attention to Article 13 of the [Directive 1999/45/EC](#), in relation to distance selling and Article 48 (2) of the [Regulation \(EC\) No 1272/2008](#), in relation with advertisement.

Article 48 (2) of the [Regulation \(EC\) No 1272/2008](#) reads as follows:

Any advertisement for a mixture classified as hazardous or covered by Article 25(6) which allows a member of the general public to conclude a contract for purchase without first having sight of the label shall mention the type or types of hazard indicated on the label.

Please note that both laws aim at ensuring a high level of protection of human health and the environment by displaying useful information concerning the safe use of such products.