

Hazardous Waste - August 2009 Update

Technical Guidance WM2 and Changes to Chemical Legislation

Background

Our Technical Guidance WM2 advises on the interpretation of the definition and classification of Hazardous Waste. It uses a number of pieces of chemicals legislation and guidance.

These include the:

- Approved Supply List,
- Approved Classification and Labelling Guide,
- Test methods from Annex V of the Dangerous Substances Directive, and
- Chemicals (Hazard Information for Packaging and Supply) Regulations 2002 (CHIP3).

There have been recent changes to this legislation and guidance.

What has changed ?

A new European Regulation (1272 / 2008) on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals was adopted by Europe on December 2008 (the CLP Regulation). The Globally Harmonised System for chemical will be implemented in stages between now and 2015. CHIP3 was replaced by CHIP 4 in April 2009 to adopt this into UK legislation.

The immediate changes are;

- The Approved Supply List is no longer used for chemical classification,
- The Approved Classification and Labelling Guide has been reissued,
- Test methods are now found in the Annex of European Regulation 440/2008/EC. which sets out the test methods under REACH Legislation

How does this affect me now ?

1. You must not use the Approved Supply List to classify hazardous wastes, instead you must use table 3.2 of Annex VI of the CLP Regulation.

[Ex-European Chemicals Bureau : Classification & Labelling.](#)

You may also use the European Chemicals Bureau as another data source, where it does not conflict with the CLP Regulation.

[ESIS \(European chemical Substances Information System\)](#).

2. References in Technical Guidance WM2 to the

- Approved Supply List (ASL) should be taken to mean Table 3.2 of Annex VI of the CLP Regulation.
- Annex V test methods should be taken to mean the Annex of 440/2008/EC.

How will this affect me in future ?

We will publish further updates to identify additional changes as they occur.

Between now and 2015 the labelling and packaging of dangerous substances and preparations will change significantly. New 'Indications of Danger' symbols must be used from specific dates, but may also be used voluntarily from January 2009. Those who currently use 'category of danger' symbols as a means of recognising dangerous chemicals should ensure that they are familiar with the new symbols.

In 2015 chemical Risk Phrases will be replaced by Hazard Statements.

The European Waste Catalogue is under review to accommodate these approaching changes.

We anticipate having to revise or replace Technical Guidance WM2 to align with any changes to the European Waste Catalogue.