



Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group

Attn. to <...>

**Ref.: Need to extend your IT-solution regarding data exchange interfaces and tools for compiling SDS for mixtures**

Dear Mr./Mrs. <...>

We use your IT-Solution <...> and we write to you to draw your attention to a problem we have been facing since our raw material suppliers started to send us extended safety data sheets (ext-SDS), in accordance with REACH and Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

Following submission of the first registrations under REACH, we have been receiving SDS which contain as an annex or attachment a greater or lesser number of exposure scenarios. The data relevant for our mixtures are provided to us in a format not structured to electronic processing and are spread over the attachment, which itself can easily consist of more than 100 pages.

Therefore it is not feasible for us to handle this amount of work manually as we do it at the moment, especially when the number of extSDS will significantly grow in the near future.

Fortunately there are solutions available or being worked on which would help us to fulfil our legal obligations much more efficiently. These are:

- an ECom XML-standard in order to facilitate a structured electronic communication of relevant data, and
- methods and tools to compile SDS for mixtures from the SDS and extSDS of the raw materials, such as DPD+, standard phrase catalogue and the ECHA chemical safety assessment tool Chesar.

We have been made aware by our trade association that the ECom XML standard (version 1.1) and its standard phrase catalogue are now available for use, and that other solutions are under development or almost finished. For us it is key that these solutions will become part of our IT system as soon as possible.

Therefore we strongly urge you to extend your IT-solution regarding the above mentioned data exchange interfaces and tools at the earliest opportunity in order to keep these products usable and helpful in future.

For details please refer to the information from the Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group provided under [www.duccplatform.org](http://www.duccplatform.org).