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DetNet launched today

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Detergent industry launches DetNet,
a unique network to implement CLP
Regulation. Detergent companies
invited to join!



Detergent Industry Network
for CLP Classification
www.det-net.eu

On the occasion of its 10th Information Day addressing the topic of safe use of detergents and cleaning products, A.I.S.E. inaugurated today DetNet, the “Detergent Industry Network for CLP classification”. Developed with industry and external expertise, in close dialogue with stakeholders, DetNet aims to help companies establish the appropriate skin and eye irritancy classification for their products in compliance with the CLP Regulation. Through DetNet, all manufacturers/suppliers of detergents and cleaning products can have access to shared test data and expertise to allow for a transparent science-based process for classification, in line with the CLP principles. The detergent industry is the first sector to implement the new CLP concept allowing the formation of an industry classification network for mixtures. Its objective is to help users know the potential hazard of products, securing that those with different hazards are adequately distinguished, based on relevant and adequate labelling. Counting already its first applicants, other companies active in the detergent market are invited to join as soon as possible, allowing them to be ready by 1st June 2015 when CLP fully applies to mixtures.

On behalf of European Vice President Antonio Tajani, DG Enterprise Director Gwénoél Cozigou congratulated A.I.S.E. on the DetNet initiative. He said that *“DetNet is a very important voluntary initiative of the detergent industry that will help to generate data based on validated and recognised test methods and share it with all detergent companies in Europe. An accurate classification of chemicals is of great importance to both industry and consumers.”* Other speakers including a Member of the European Parliament, Member States, ECHA, academia, poison control centers, civil society commented on the importance of relevant consumer information and safe use of products.

At the event gathering around 130 attendees from industry as well as various suppliers and related stakeholders, A.I.S.E. representatives highlighted the different activities undertaken by the sector to ensure users’ safety through adequate labelling and consistent communication. Besides activities linked to regulatory developments (whether CLP, Biocides, REACH or Detergent Regulation), A.I.S.E.’s long tradition of voluntary initiatives, well known in the domain of sustainability, is also applied for the safe use of products, notably with the development of safe use icons that have been used on billions of products for the last 10 years, as well as more recent Product Stewardship Programmes for specific product categories like air fresheners or liquid laundry detergent capsules. Concluding on the event, Charles-François Gaudefroy, A.I.S.E. President mentioned: *“Our products are used daily and provide key benefits to millions of consumers and professional customers through the delivery of cleanliness and hygiene. We are committed to securing that those are safe for use, starting with appropriate labelling, and working in partnership with all stakeholders for an accurate and efficient legislative framework complemented by additional voluntary sectoral initiatives”.*

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About A.I.S.E.

A.I.S.E. is the official representative body for the cleaning and maintenance industry in Europe. Its membership totals 34 national associations in 39 countries, covering about 900 companies. These range from small and medium-sized enterprises to large multinationals active both in the consumer goods market and the industrial & institutional (I&I) domains. A.I.S.E. industry activities are driven by The Agenda for Sustainable Cleaning. The core objective of the agenda is sustainable development. This agenda is supported by two pillars of activities: developing and promoting voluntary actions and cooperating with stakeholders at EU and local level to achieve a balanced and better regulatory framework.

=> Link to A.I.S.E.'s recently released Activity and Sustainability report: www.aise.eu/news

=> Link to A.I.S.E.'s 10th Information Day on the topic "Safe use of cleaning products: making the label work and securing consistent end-user communication":

<http://www.aise-infoday2013.eu/>

About DetNet

DetNet, the Detergent Industry Network for CLP Classification is a collective industry approach developed and piloted by A.I.S.E. and its National Associations, in dialogue with stakeholders. This project aims to help companies establish the appropriate skin and eye irritancy classification for their detergent products in compliance with the CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 due to come into effect on 1st June 2015 for mixtures. The overall objective of DetNet is to provide means whereby all manufacturers/suppliers of detergents and cleaning products can have access to shared test data and expertise to allow for a science-based process for classification of products with respect to skin/eye effects, which is in line with CLP principles.

For more information please visit www.det-net.eu

About the CLP Regulation

On 1st June 2015, classification and labelling of mixtures becomes mandatory under the CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008. The Regulation sets out the criteria for the classification and labelling of chemicals based on the UN Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and will eventually replace the Dangerous Substances Directive (DSD) and Dangerous Preparations Directive (DPD). The CLP Regulation implemented the UN GHS 2nd revised edition and is updated periodically via Adaptations to Technical Progress (ATP) to reflect further GHS revisions and changes in harmonised classifications.

CLP applies to all substances and mixtures except where specified in CLP Article 1 (with some exceptions specifically listed in Article 1). A key principle of CLP is self-classification (except where a substance is listed in CLP Annex VI with harmonized classification and labelling) based on, as far as possible, existing data. Annex I to the CLP Regulation allows suppliers in an industry sector to cooperate through formation of a network to share data and expertise.
