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Dear customer,

We would like to inform you that as of August 24th, 2023 in accordance with the requirement as laid down in the Restriction of diisocyanates under REACH as published on August 4th, 2020 by the European Commission, all professional and industrial users of products containing diisocyanates are required to complete mandatory safe handling training.

This restriction lays down requirements for the use and placing on the market of diisocyanates as substances on their own, as a component of other substances or in mixtures for industrial and commercial uses in concentrations of more than 0.1% w/w. The intention of this restriction is to ensure that workers across the EU are provided with relevant instructions on the safe handling of diisocyanate containing products.

As Akzo Nobel is supplying you with products containing diisocyanates at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ w/w, this training obligation applies to all staff in your organization that are working with these products or that are potentially exposed to these products. You should ensure that from August 24th, 2023 onwards you can demonstrate for each of these employees that they have successfully completed this training in case of an inspection by authorities.

It is not the responsibility of AkzoNobel to train your staff however as a responsible supplier we would request you to take notice of this Restriction and associated obligation. It is advisable to develop a training plan for affected staff and ensure you retain documentation of completed training.

The EU associations of isocyanate manufacturers (ISOPA and ALIPA) have developed a training program in close cooperation with the relevant industry associations (such as the European Paint and Coatings Association CEPE). The training can be completed online (in the form of eLearning) or by following a classroom training by a certified trainer. More information, as well as a link to the eLearning module is available on the following website:

www.safeusediisocyanates.eu

The training went live early November 2021 in the English language, other languages will follow in the following months. Attached to this letter you will also find additional documentation developed by ISOPA/ALIPA.

In case you have further questions you can contact psra_pamiers@akzonobel.com

Kind regards,



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DO YOU USE DIISOCYANATES?

SOON YOU NEED TO COMPLY WITH MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS!



Mandatory training requirements for Industrial and Professional users from 24 August 2023

To ensure that workers across the EU can continue to handle diisocyanates safely, new mandatory training requirements will become mandatory under the EU's REACH Regulation.

Trainings will soon be made available by the diisocyanates industry in your local language

ISOPA and ALIPA with our industry partners are organizing a comprehensive training programme to ensure the safe use of diisocyanates for producers and professional users all over Europe.

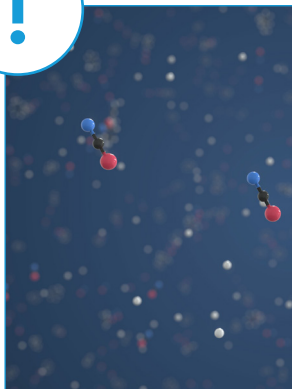


Sign-up to stay updated on the availability of training and the last news on the safe use of diisocyanates

To ensure your organization is ready to implement these mandatory trainings, sign up now for all the latest information on how you can make your organization compliant with EU regulation.



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What are diisocyanates and where are they used?

Diisocyanates are a family of chemical building blocks used to make a wide range of polyurethane products.

Polyurethane is effectively derived from the chemical reaction between diisocyanates and polyols; when mixed together they polymerise. Polyurethanes would not exist without these two components.

Why are trainings becoming mandatory?

Behaviour at the workplace is key to ensuring the safe use of diisocyanates. If not handled properly, diisocyanates may cause respiratory sensitization - an irreversible allergic reaction.

To address the potential risk, the EU is introducing mandatory training that would ensure safety in the workplace for workers handling diisocyanates.



How do I know if I need to complete the training?

All industrial and professional users must comply with the training requirements by 24 August 2023 to continue using diisocyanates. If you use diisocyanates, you will need to complete training at some level.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

To learn more about the training requirements please visit:
www.safeusediisocyanates.eu

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LEGALLY REQUIRED TRAININGS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL USERS OF DIISOCYANATES

Here is what you need to do

To ensure that workers across the EU can continue to handle diisocyanates safely, new training requirements will become mandatory for professional and industrial users under the EU's REACH Regulation from 24 August 2023.

The user of diisocyanates - either the employer of the user or the self-employed person - must complete and document the completion of the training. If you do not comply with these mandatory trainings, you will no longer be allowed to work with diisocyanates.

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Here is where you can find all the relevant information ahead of 24 August 2023

1. Go to the [Safe Use of Diisocyanates website](#) to read more about the training requirements and how they might apply to you.
2. Ensure that you [sign-up for updates](#) on the availability of trainings in your local language and other relevant news on the safe use of diisocyanates

As the building blocks of Polyurethanes, diisocyanates are crucial ingredients to making our lives more convenient, comfortable and sustainable.

Let's keep using diisocyanates safely to deliver innovative, versatile, and sustainable solutions for Europe!

About ISOPA/ALIPA

ISOPA is the European trade association for producers of aromatic diisocyanates and polyols – the main building blocks of polyurethanes. ALIPA is the European Aliphatic Isocyanates Producers Association.

ISOPA/ALIPA works to promote the highest level of best practices in the distribution and use of diisocyanates and polyols in Europe and ensures that all stakeholders can easily access accurate and up-to-date information on these substances.



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