

Information Update

The Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation

Currently the classification, labelling and packaging of formulated products within Europe has to be in accordance with the **EU Dangerous Preparations Directive (1999/45/EC)**.

This provides the information, including risk and safety phrases and the hazard and warning symbols, that we use on our current material safety data sheets and product labels for our wood preservative products.

As from **1st June 2015** this information must now conform to the new **EU Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulations (1272/2008)**. It is known by its abbreviated form, '*the CLP Regulation*' or just plain '*CLP*'. Arch Timber Protection will therefore be updating the material safety data sheets we supply to you and the product labels used on the products we supply to you.

OUR WOOD PROTECTION PRODUCTS HAVE NOT CHANGED.

This Information Update is simply to let you know that from June 2015 our material safety data sheets and our product labels will look different and contain new phrasing and new warning symbols to comply with these new regulations.

These current pictograms will be replaced.



WHY IS THERE A CHANGE AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

The CLP Regulation adopts the United Nations' Globally Harmonised System on the classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS) across all European Union countries, including the UK. This is a move to make information more harmonised throughout the world.

As GHS is a voluntary agreement rather than a law, it has to be adopted through a suitable national or regional legal mechanism to ensure it becomes legally binding. That is what the CLP Regulation does.

The requirements for suppliers are broadly the same: **the correct and suitable classification, labelling and packaging of chemical products.**

However, the rules suppliers have to follow when they are classifying chemicals have changed and a new set of **Hazard Pictograms** will be used. Also new **Hazard Statements** will replace the existing risk phrases and new **Precautionary Statements** will replace the existing safety phrases.

HAZARD PICTOGRAMS

Currently our product labels and material safety data sheets include warning or hazard pictograms with a description underneath to confirm the specific hazard. These include symbols and descriptions. For example 'Corrosive', 'Harmful' and 'Dangerous for the Environment' shown opposite.

These existing pictograms will be replaced by a series of new pictograms that relate to our chemical products showing either **Environmental** or **Health** hazards, shown below. The only wording that will be used alongside these new pictograms will be either **DANGER** or **WARNING** - they will no longer have specific explanatory text to confirm specific hazards.



To help our customers understand the relevance of each new pictogram, we have listed them below with an explanation.



Skull and crossbones - used for certain higher acute toxicity substances



Health hazard - used for CMR toxicity, respiratory sensitisation, certain specific target organ toxicity, and certain aspiration hazards



Corrosion - used for skin corrosion and serious eye damage



Exclamation mark - used for certain lower acute toxicity, skin/eye irritation, skin sensitisation, certain specific target organ toxicity



Environment - used for certain aquatic hazards

HAZARD AND PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

The current risk and safety phrases we use on our material safety data sheets and product labels are being replaced with new **Hazard** and **Precautionary Statements**.

These convey information regarding the classification and actions to take in a similar manner to current risk and safety phrases but are worded in a slightly different way.

There are now more options for combinations of precautionary statements to provide more information to users of the products.

More information on classification and labelling can be found at <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/CLP>

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

The composition and use of our wood protection products has not changed. All you need to do is inform the people within your business who have an involvement with our main products and any ancillary products of the information updates on our material safety data sheets and our product labels.

New style product labels will appear on our packaging from June 2015. We will also circulate relevant new material safety data sheets to our customers from this date.

If you have any questions relating to these updates please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Support team at Castleford or your local Arch regional sales manager.

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