



Trade Grade Products Ltd.

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Frequently asked questions

Are diisocyanates safe?

Like any substance, diisocyanates' use is safe when chemicals are handled according to relevant risk management and safety measures. It is also important to stress that virtually no diisocyanates can be found in finished articles. Diisocyanates are only used as reactive chemicals; they react with the polyol to form the PU product and are used up during the reaction.

What is respiratory sensitisation?

Sensitisation means that after exposure, a person could become allergic to the substance. If sensitised, each time the person is in contact again with the substance (even at very low concentrations) the person could have a high allergic reaction with respiratory impacts (e.g. asthma). The majority of individuals with diisocyanates-related asthma show improvement or total recovery after exposure has ceased.

I am a reseller/distributor. What do I need to do?

Pass the information you receive from your product supplier on to your customers.

What about PU products for consumer use?

The new regulation only applies to professionals and industry. A separate restriction for consumer use came into force several years ago.

At what date will this regulation come into force?

The new regulation has been adopted on 4th August 2020 and comes into force on 24th August 2020 which means that by 24th August 2023, all users of PU products should be trained and certified.

When do I have to update the labelling of my packaging?

The legal requirements should appear on packaging as of 24th February 2022.

Will PU adhesives and sealants remain on the market?

The restriction is targeted at avoiding unsafe handling of diisocyanates, not on restricting product availability. Due to their unique properties in many applications PU adhesives and sealants will remain widely available.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Should you need help with any product-related questions please give us a call and ask for Jon or Richard

Where can I find more information about diisocyanates?

The diisocyanates industry provides information about diisocyanates and their safe handling on its website <http://www.safeusediisocyanates.eu/>