

Preview of CLP Briefing Note: CLP resources

Where do I start?

The law? Probably not...

It's tempting to find a copy of the Regulation and to plunge in. **Our advice is STOP!** Only do this if you are competent at classification under the previous system, you understand the background to CLP, and are comfortable working with legal texts. If so, then the full text of CLP can be obtained via http://echa.europa.eu/legislation/classification_legislation_en.asp. This page also has a link to the first Adaptation to CLP which altered some of the Annexes to the Regulation. Unfortunately, currently there is no single legal document which consolidates these texts and so if you want to be formally sure of the accuracy of an entry in Annex VI you need to search both documents. However there a link to a consolidated database on the above page and this can be assumed to be accurate.

The guidance?

There are several ECHA Guides to CLP running into hundreds of pages. They can all be accessed via the ECHA site at: http://echa.europa.eu/clp/clp_help_en.asp Where you start depends on your baseline knowledge and your specific needs. Decide what you need from the list below.

I know nothing about CLP and need a quick starter overview.

Allow about an hour to read the ECHA Questions and Answers on CLP. It will enable you to identify your role in CLP and begin to map out the work you need to do.

I am familiar with the basics, but I now need to get into more detail.

You are now ready for the ECHA Introduction to CLP. This is a substantial document and you need to set aside several hours to read and digest it. You may want (but you don't need) to access the Regulatory text as well. When you have read this document you should be able to scope your CLP tasks and identify the resources required. of your time, so we have made a few comments to help you find your way through the information maze.

I have the background and now need to understand the detail of the classification criteria, either generally or in relation to a specific effect...

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