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Labelling according to GHS Implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008

On 3 September 2008, the European Parliament adopted Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 "on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006".

With this so-called CLP Regulation the European Community takes over the principle that is worldwide known as GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals).

GHS includes a worldwide standard set of criteria for the classification and labelling of chemicals. This is a unification of international labelling requirements in analogy to the transports regulations. Based on a building block system it will be decided at national level which hazard classes and categories to be considered legally binding.

Please note that there will be new pictograms (formerly hazard symbols). Furthermore the known R(isk) phrases are presented in the future as H (azard) phrases, former S(afety) phrases will be P(recautionary) phrases. For details on these changes we refer to the compilation of the German chemical association VCI (Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.), which we attach to this letter.

Since some of the criteria for classification have changed, it is possible that more substances will be classified as toxic and marked with skull and crossbones. Whereas to date hazard categories (levels) are existing only for certain hazard classes (Examples: T / T+, C with R34, R35), there are now several categories for all hazard classes.

Known so-called combination phrases for hazards are being considered as separate hazard categories and are transferred to separate H-phrases, for example R20/22 "Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed." to H-phrases H302 "Harmful if swallowed." and H332 "Harmful if inhaled." The CLP Regulation only recommends the assignment of the P-phrases per single H-phrase, and there are no exact guidelines for the use of P-phrases with multiple H-phrases. In cases of multiple hazard classes that are relevant for

classification, a brief and comprehensive summary of the measures is difficult. Significant differences in the use of P-phrases between the various companies are expected. Overall, we assume a significant increase in size of the label content.

This new labelling requirement is binding for GHS in Europe for substances to 01/12/2010, stocks can be sold with the old labelling until 12/01/2011. Mixtures (preparations) have to be labelled according to GHS from 01/06/2015, already labelled stocks can be sold till 06/01/2017.

Parallel to this change in labelling, the safety data sheet directive was updated and adapted to REACH. Since 01/12/2010 new safety data sheets have to match the format specified in Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 - last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 453/2010. Existing safety data sheets - both for substances and for mixtures - are to be reviewed and updated within the next 2 years.

DyStar markets - apart from a few exceptions - only mixtures. So only few of our products are therefore already labelled according to GHS. Since, however, additional information is required in the new format for mixtures as well, the new GHS rules affect all DyStar safety data sheets and hence our customers. Our safety data sheets are currently being converted to the new format. Customers who purchased the relevant product within the last 12 months will get these new SDSs immediately, all other customers with the next order. Please understand that due to the large number of products this revision will take some time unfortunately. You will receive within that time period both - already updated SDSs and those whose review and update have not yet occurred.

With best regards,

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Attachment:

Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals -
Comparison of Hazard Symbol and Phrases
Compiled by the German VCI (Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.)

GHS

HAZARD SYMBOLS OLD

GHS HAZARD CLASSES AND CATEGORIES²

HAZARD PICTOGRAMS NEW³

PHYSICAL HAZARDS

EXPLOSIVE	 (R2, R3)	Explosives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Unstable Explosive ■ Explosive, Div. 1.1 - 1.3 Self-reactive substances and mixtures, Types A, B Organic peroxides, Types A, B	DANGER		H200 H201, H202, H203 H240, H241 H240, H241
No Labelling	No Labelling	Explosive, Div. 1.4	WARNING		H204
EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE	 (R12) (R12) R12	Flammable gases, Cat. 1 Flammable aerosols, Cat. 1 Flammable liquids, Cat. 1	WARNING DANGER		H220 H222 H224
HIGHLY FLAMMABLE	 R11 (R11) (R11)	Flammable liquids, Cat. 2 Flammable solids, Cat. 1 Flammable solids, Cat. 2	WARNING DANGER		H225 H228 H228
FLAMMABLE	No symbol (R10) R10 No Labelling (Flash point 56–60°C)	Flammable aerosols, Cat. 2 Flammable liquids, Cat. 3	WARNING		H223 H226
HIGHLY FLAMMABLE	 R17 R17 (R15) (R15) (R15)	Pyrophoric liquids, Cat. 1 Pyrophoric solids, Cat. 1 Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases, Cat. 1, 2 and Cat. 3	DANGER		H250 H250 H260 H261 H261
EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE	 R12 R12	Self-reactive substances and mixtures, Type B Self-reactive substances and mixtures, Types C, D and Types E, F Self-heating substances and mixtures, Cat. 1 and Cat. 2	WARNING DANGER		H241 H242 H242 H251 H252
OXIDISING	 R7 R7	Organic peroxides, Type B Organic peroxides, Types C, D Organic peroxides, Types E, F	WARNING		H241 H242 H242
OXIDISING	 R8 R8, R9 R8, R9	Oxidising gases, Cat. 1 Oxidising liquids, Cat. 1, 2 and Cat. 3 Oxidising solids, Cat. 1, 2 and Cat. 3	WARNING DANGER		H270 H271, H272 H272 H271, H272 H272
No Labelling	No Labelling	Gases under pressure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Compressed gases ■ Liquefied gases ■ Refrigerated liquefied gases ■ Dissolved gases 	WARNING		H280 H280 H281 H280
No Labelling	No Labelling	Substances and mixtures corrosive to metals, Cat. 1	WARNING		H290

¹ Comparison of assignments of hazards with labelling elements symbol (EU old) and pictogram (GHS).

ON: THE HAZARD SYMBOLS OLD (EU) AND NEW (GHS)¹

HAZARD SYMBOLS OLD

GHS HAZARD CLASS AND CATEGORIES²

HAZARD PICTOGRAMS

NEW³

HEALTH HAZARDS

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

HEALTH HAZARDS	VERY TOXIC		R28 R27 R26	Acute toxicity, Cat. 1, 2 ■ Oral ■ Dermal ■ Inhalation	DANGER		H300 H310 H330	
	TOXIC		R25 R24 R23	Acute toxicity, Cat. 3 ■ Oral ■ Dermal ■ Inhalation			H301 H311 H331	
	TOXIC		R46 R45, R49 R60, R61 R39 R48	Germ cell mutagenicity, Cat. 1A, 1B Carcinogenicity, Cat. 1A, 1B Reproductive toxicity, Cat. 1A, 1B Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Cat. 1 Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Cat. 1	DANGER		H340 H350 H360 H370 H372	
	HARMFUL			R42 R65	Respiratory sensitisation, Cat. 1 Aspiration hazard, Cat. 1			H334 H304
				R68 R40 R62, R63 R68 R48	Germ cell mutagenicity, Cat. 2 Carcinogenicity, Cat. 2 Reproductive toxicity, Cat. 2 Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Cat. 2 Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Cat. 2	WARNING		H341 H351 H361 H371 H373
				R22 R21 R20	Acute toxicity, Cat. 4 ■ Oral ■ Dermal ■ Inhalation	WARNING		H302 H312 H332
	IRRITANT	CORROSIVE		R34, R35	Skin corrosivity, Cat. 1A, 1B, 1C	DANGER		H314
				R41	Serious eye damage, Cat. 1	DANGER		H318
				R38 R36 R43 R37	Skin irritant, Cat. 2 Eye irritation, Cat. 2 Skin sensitisation, Cat. 1 Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Cat. 3 ■ Respiratory tract irritation	WARNING		H315 H319 H317 H335
		No symbol	R67	■ Narcotic effect			H336	
DANGEROUS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT			R50 R50/53	Acute aquatic hazard, Cat. 1 Chronic aquatic hazard, Cat. 1	WARNING		H400 H410	
			R51/53	Chronic aquatic hazard, Cat. 2			H411	

² Source: Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

³ Source: Annex V of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.