

CONCEPTS FOR ELECTRONIC DATA TRANSFERS FROM INDUSTRY TO POISON CENTRES - ADVANTAGES FOR INDUSTRY

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Objective: In several European countries the formulations of cosmetic products, detergents, maintenance and cleaning products must be notified to poison control centres or national central agencies. Such notifications are partly made on a voluntary basis. An electronic notification format for cosmetic products is already recognised in various countries; relevant requirements for detergents and cleaning products have been harmonised in Germany. Methods/Results: For the collection of data on *cosmetic products* the IKW developed the notification programme "SYSDECOS". This was done in cooperation with the former federal institute for the health protection of consumers and veterinary medicine - BgVV (now the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment - BfR). SYSDECOS generates notification files in the so-called KOS format. Currently files in the KOS format are accepted in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. The advantage, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises, is that each formulation must be recorded only once (either as an EAPCCT/COLIPA frame formulation no. or with INCI names) and can be supplemented with country-specific information. For the collection of data on *detergents and maintenance and cleaning products* the "EMIL" programme for the generation of so-called ROSETTA files defined by poison centres has been developed within the framework of the TDI-project in cooperation with German PC's. This uniform notification format makes it easier in Germany to change from notifications on paper to notification that is electronic. These can also be transmitted to the 10 poison centres and the BfR. Conclusions: As part of the development of a European internal market companies distribute their products not just in one, but to many, or all, Member States of the European Union. To facilitate notifications of formulations (on a voluntary or compulsory basis), companies should ideally record the same data (e.g. formulations) only once with the help of one programme, enabling them to generate country-specific notification files. The long-term goal should be a single notification format.