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## A

ACH	Air Changes per Hour
ACOP	Approved Code of Practice (HSE)
ADR	International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ALARP	As Low as is Reasonably Practicable
API	Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
ASL	Approved Supply List (Now obsolete)
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials (International testing standards)
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate (CLP)
ATEX	European Explosive Atmosphere Directive
ATP	Adaptation to Technical Progress (CLP)

## B

B2B	Business to Business transaction
B2C	Business to Consumer transaction
BAT	Best Available Technology
BATAEL	Best Available Technology Associated Emission Levels
BATNEC	Best Available Technology Not Entailing Excessive Costs
BCP	Business Continuity Plan
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Formally the DTi)
BMGV	Biological Monitoring Guidance Value
BRE	Better Regulation Executive (Part of BIS)
BREF	BAT Reference Document
BSI	British Standards Institution

## C

CA	Competent Authority
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAD	EU Chemical Agents Directive
CAPEPLG	COMAH and Pipeline Emergency Planning Liaison Group
CAS (USA)	Chemical Abstracts Service
CBA	Chemical Business Association / Cost Benefit Analysis
CBI	Confederation of British Industry / Confidential Business Information
CCRA	UK Climate Change Risk Assessment
CDOIF	Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum
CE	COSHH Essentials
CEFIC	European Chemicals Industry Federation

CEFIC (LRI)	European Chemicals Industry Federation (Long Range Initiative)
CHCS	Chemical Hazards Communication Society
CHESAR	Chemical Safety Assessment and Reporting tool
CHIP	UK Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging) Regulations (DPD & DSD)
CI	Colour Index (Pigments)
CLP (New)	Classification Labelling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations
CLH	Harmonised Classification and Labelling
CLI	Classification & Labelling Inventory
COA	Certificate of Analysis
COC	Certificate of Conformity / Code of Conduct
CoRAP	REACH Evaluation Community Rolling Action Plan
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic & Reproductive Toxins
COMAH	Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
CPL (Old)	Chemicals Packaging & Labelling Regulations (Replaced by CHIP and CLP)
CPNI	Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure
CRC	Child Resistant Closure
CRF	Child Resistant Fastening
CSA	Chemical Safety Assessment
CSR	Chemical Safety Report
CTSA	Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (Police)
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention

## D

dB	Decibel (Noise)
DCG	Directors Contact group (REACH)
DCLG	Department for the Communities and Local Government
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change (UK)
DEFRA	Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs (EA/SEPA)
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DETR	Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (Obsolete)
DfT	Department for Transport (UK)
DG	Directorate General (EU Commission departments)
	<i>DG Home      Directorate General Home affairs</i>
	<i>DG Move      Directorate General Mobility and Transport</i>
	<i>DG Sanco      Directorate General Health and Consumers</i>
	<i>DG Taxud      Directorate General Taxation and Customs Union</i>
DGSA	Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor (Transport)
DIN	German Industrial Standard

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DMEL	Derived Minimum Exposure Level
DNEL	Derived No Effect Level
DPD	EU Dangerous Preparations Directive (EC 1999/45)
DSD	EU Dangerous Substances Directive (67/548/EEC)
DSE	Display Screen Equipment
DSEAR	Dangerous Substance and Explosive Atmosphere Regulations (UK ATEX)
DTi	Department of Trade and Industry (Now BIS)
DU	Downstream User
DWD	Drinking Water Directive
DWP	UK Department of Work and Pensions (HSE)

## **E**

EA	Environment Agency (England and Wales only)
EAC	Emergency Action Code (UK Tanker panel)
EAP	EU Environmental Action Plan / Emergency Action Plan
EC	European Commission
EC No	ELINECS & ELINCS
ECB	European Chemicals Bureau (Now replaced by ECHA)
ECC	Emergency Control Centre
ECEL	Exposure Control Efficacy Library
ECETOC	European Centre for Eco toxicity & Toxicology of Chemicals
ECHA	European Chemicals Agency (Helsinki)
ECOSOC	UN Economic & Social Council
ECTA	European Chemical Transport Association
EEA	European Economic Area (Lichtenstein, Iceland & Norway)
EFAW	Emergency First Aid at Work
EFSA	European Food Safety Agency
EFTA	European Free Trade Association (Switzerland and others)
EH40	UK list of WELs
EIF	Entry into Force
EINECS	Inventory of Existing Chemicals
ELINCS	Inventory of New Notified Chemicals
ELV	End of Life Vehicle Directive
EMS	Environmental Management System
EMAS	Eco-Management and Audit Scheme
EmS	Emergency Response procedure for IMDG (Dangerous goods on ships)
EMM	HSE Enforcement Management Model
EP	European Parliament
EPER	European Pollution Emission Register (Replaced by EPRTR)

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EP OPRA	Environmental Protection Operator Pollution Risk Assessment
EPR	Environmental Permitting Regime
EPRTR	European Pollution Release and Transfer Register
EQ	Exceeded Quantities (ADR)
EQS	Environmental Quality Standard
ES	Exposure Scenario
ESAD	SQAS European Single Assessment Document
ESIG	European Solvents Industry Group
ESIS	European chemical Substances information System
ESR	Existing Substances Regulations
eSDS/Ext SDS	Extended Safety Data Sheet
ESVOC	European Solvents Industry Platform
EU	European Union (27 member states)
EU OSHA	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
EUH	EU CLP specific Hazard Statement
EWC	European Waste Catalogue

## F

FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FAW	First Aid at Work
Fecc	European Association of Chemical Distributors
FEMAS	Feed Materials Assurance Scheme
FOD	Field Operations Directorate (HSE)

## G

GDP	Good Distribution Practice (Pharmaceuticals)
GES	Generic Exposure Scenario
GHG	Green House Gas
GHS	UN Global Harmonised System (Classification and Labelling)
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
GPZ	Groundwater Protection Zone
GTDP	Good Trade and Distribution Practice

## H

HASWA	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
HCDG	High Consequence Dangerous Goods (ADR)

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HID	HSE Hazardous Installations Directorate
HIN	Hazard Identification Number (ADR/RID)
HMR&C	Her Majesties Revenue and Customs
HO	Home Office (UK)
HPV	High Production Volume
HSA	Hazardous Substance Authority
HSE	Health and Safety Executive (GB)
HSENI	Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland
HSG	Health and Safety Guidance

## I

IATA	International Air Transport Association
IBC	Intermediate Bulk Container
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICCA	International Council of Chemical Associations
ICCTA	International Council of Chemical Trade Associations
IED	Industrial Emissions Directive / Improvised Explosive Device
IIW	Instructions in Writing (Transport)
IMDG Code	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
INCI	International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients
INDG	HSE Short Guidance leaflet
INN	International Non-Proprietary Name
IOELV	EU Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control
IOP	Indices of Performance (RC)
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ITCO	International Tank Container Organisation
IUCLID	International Uniform Chemical Information Database (REACH)
IUPAC	International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry

## J

JTAC	Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre
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## K

KISS	Keep it simple (Stupid)
KPI	Key Performance Indicator

## L

LA	Local Authority/Council
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit
LEV	Local Exhaust Ventilation
LOA	Letter of Access (REACH)
LOAEL	Lower Observed Adverse Effect Level
LOC	Loss of Containment
LOLER	Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations
LOPA	Layers of Protection Analysis
LOPC	Loss of Primary Containment
LQ	Limited Quantities (ADR)
LTA	Lost Time Accident
LTFR	Lost Time Frequency Rate
LTI	Lost Time Injury
LTIR	Lost Time Injury Rate

## M

M&A	Memorandum and Articles
MATTE	Major Accident to the Environment
MAPP	Major Accident Prevention Policy
MCA	Marine Coastguard Agency
MDHS	Methods of Determination of Hazardous Substances
MEL	Maximum Exposure Limit
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MFAG	Medical First Aid Guide (IMDG)
MHAB	Major Hazard Accident Bureau (EU agency based in ISPRA)
M/I or Mol	Manufacturers or Importers
MLA	Multilateral Special Agreement (ADR)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MS	EU Member State
MSC	ECHA Member State Committee

## N

NaCTSO	National Counter Terrorism Security Office
NAP	National Adaptation Plan (Climate Change)
NEA	National Enforcement Authority

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NEDB	UK National Exposure Database
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NLP	No Longer Polymer
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEL	No Observed Effect Level
NOP	Normal Operating Procedure

## O

OC	Operational Condition
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
OES	Occupational Exposure Standard
OHS	Occupational Health Standard
ONR	Office for Nuclear Regulation (HSE)
OPCW	Organisation against the Proliferation of Chemical Weapons (The Hague)
OR	Only Representative (REACH)
ORR	Office of Rail Regulations
OSOR	One Substance, One Registration

## P

PAS	Public Authority Standard
PBT	Potentially Persistent, Bio accumulative & Toxic
PDCA	Plan, Do, Check, Act (Deming Cycle)
PER	EU Pressure Equipment Regulation
PIC	Prior Informed Consent (Rotterdam Convention)
PIZ	Public Information Zone (COMAH)
PNEC	Predicted No Effect Concentration
POP	Persistent Organic Pollutant (Stockholm Convention)
PPC	Pollution Prevention and Control
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPG	Pollution Prevention Guidance
PROC	Process Category (Exposure Scenario)
PPORD	Product & Process Orientated Research & Development
PSPI	Process Safety Performance Indicator
PSSR	Pressure Systems Safety Regulation
PUWER	Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations



## Q

QSAR	Quantitative structure–activity relationship models (REACH)
QSPR	Quantitative Structure Property Relationship
QOBL	Quality Observation Letter (REACH)

## R

RAC	ECHA Risk Assessment Committee
RAPEX	Rapid Alert system for non-food dangerous products
RASFF	Rapid Alert System for Feed and Food
RC	Responsible Care®
RCR	Risk Characterisation Ratio
RDA	Regional Development Agency
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation (and Restriction) of Chemicals
RIA	Regulatory Impact Assessment
RIP-REACH	REACH Implementation Project
RIDDOR	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (EU)
RMM	Risk Management Measures
RMO	Risk Management Options
ROSOV	Remotely Operated Shut Off Valve
RPE	Respiratory Protective Equipment
RRFSO	Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005
RRM	Risk reduction Measures
RSP	Relevant Statutory Provision

## S

SAICM	Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
SAQ	Self-Assessment Questionnaire (RC)
SCP	EU Standing Committee on Precursors
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
SEN	Capable of Causing Respiratory Sensitisation
SEPA	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
SIEF	Substance Information Exchange Forum
SIN	Substitute it Now! NGO list of chemicals
SK	Can be Absorbed through Skin
SME	Small to Medium Sized Enterprise
SPLI	Safety Performance Leading Indicators
SPV	Second Party Verification

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SQAS	Single Quality Assessment System (CEFIC)
SRAM	Safety Report Assessment Methodology
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
STOT (RE)	Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure)
STOT (SE)	Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure)
SU	Sector of Use (Exposure Scenarios)
SVHC	Substances of Very High Concern

## T

TBT	Technical Barrier to Trade
TDG	Transport of Dangerous Goods
TDW	Tactile Warning of Danger
TGD	Technical Guidance Document
TLV (USA)	Threshold Limit Value
TOST	Target Organ Systemic Toxicity
TPR	Third Party Representative (REACH)
TPV	Third Party Verification
TQM	Total Quality Management
TWA	Time Weighted Average

## U

UD	User Descriptor
UEC	Use & Exposure Category
UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
UFAS	Universal Feed Assurance Scheme
UKWA	UK Warehouse Association
UVCB	Substances of Unknown or Variable composition (REACH)

## V

VCA	Vehicle Certification Agency
VDU	Visual Display Unit
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
VOSA	Vehicle Operating Standards Agency
vPvB	Very Persistent & Very Bio accumulative

## W

WEEE	Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment
WEL	Workplace Exposure Limit
WFD	Water Framework Directive (EU)
WHO	UN World Health Organisation
WID	Waste Incineration Directive
WWF	World Wildlife Fund for nature (NGO)

## X

XML	Extensible Markup Language (REACH)
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