

INTRODUCTION

The OECD Screening Information Data Sets (SIDS) activity is part of the larger effort of OECD countries to co-operatively investigate High Production Volume (HPV) chemicals. The goals of the work include the location of data needed for the initial assessment of these chemicals and the generation of data that are lacking. Accordingly, the SIDS initial assessment reports and other background SIDS documents are in many cases a unique source of information, which has not been available before. The publication of this data constitutes a response of OECD and UNEP Chemicals to the recommendations of UNCED Agenda 21, to accelerate assessments of chemicals and enhance information exchange.

This publication includes assessment of the following information and data on HPV chemicals and their effects:

- General Substance Information
- Information on Exposure and Use
- Physical Chemical Data
- Environmental Fate and Pathways
- Ecotoxicity Data
- Human Health Data, including Experience with Human Exposure if available.

Among the many objectives of UNEP Chemicals is to facilitate the access to information needed for health and environmental risk assessment of chemicals. UNEP's co-operation with OECD by integrating into a single publication for world-wide distribution the documents prepared under the OECD HPV Chemicals Programme contributes to that objective. The components of the publication are

- SIDS Initial Assessment Profile (SIAP)
- SIDS Initial Assessment Report (SIAR), or EU Risk Assessment Reports for chemicals sponsored by the European Union
- SIDS Dossier (including Robust Study Summaries), or IUCLID Data Set
- Whenever available, relevant data on regulatory measures from UNEP Chemicals' 'IRPTC Legal File' have been added to provide further information to the reader.

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This publication is part of the second series of OECD SIDS initial assessment documents that have been processed through UNEP Chemicals. The SIARs and related materials included in this volume were generated prior to the refocusing of the HPV Chemicals Programme to concentrate on hazard identification. Many of them can therefore be considered detailed risk assessments.