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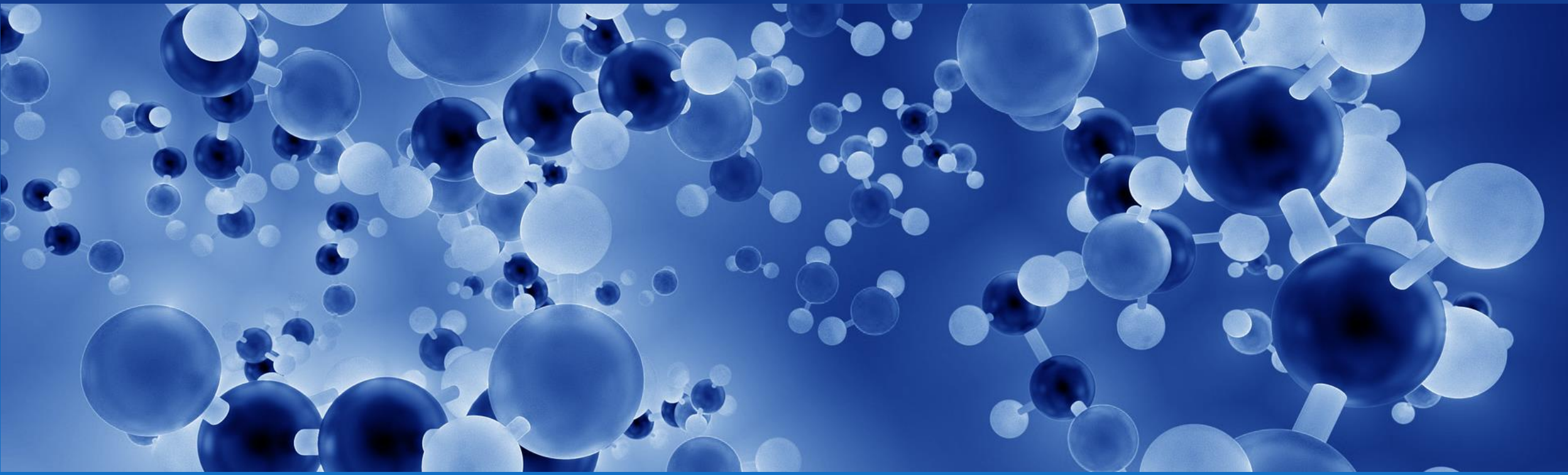

Overview of Categorisation

What is your introduction category?

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Agenda

Categorisation videos

- **Video 1:** Overview of categorisation
- **Video 2:** Step-by-step categorisation (Steps 1 – 3)
- **Video 3:** Step-by-step categorisation (Steps 4 – 6)
- **Later videos:** Categorisation examples

Overview of categorisation

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Categorise each chemical introduction

Introduction categories

If your chemical introduction is not listed on the Inventory

Listed

- The chemical is on the Inventory
- Can be introduced if it's within the terms of the Inventory listing
- Keep records

Exempted

- It's a very low-risk introduction
- Submit a once-off declaration **after** you introduce
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Reported

- It's a low-risk introduction
- Submit a once-off report **before** you introduce
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Assessed

- It's a medium- to high-risk introduction
- Apply for an assessment
- Assessment certificate needed **before** you introduce
- Keep records

Commercial Evaluation Authorisation

- Determine the chemical's commercial potential
- Apply for an authorisation
- Commercial Evaluation Authorisation needed **before** you introduce
- Keep records

Categorisation: based on risk

Deciding between Exempted, Reported and Assessed

Risk of introduction of a chemical	=	hazard (effect of chemical on humans or environment)	x	exposure (amount of chemical humans or environment come in contact with from introduction and use)

Introductions are categorised, NOT chemicals

Very low risk → Exempted
(once-off declaration after introduction)

Low risk → Reported
(once-off report before introduction)

Medium to high risk → Assessed
(pre-introduction assessment and approval)

ICNA Act

Exemptions

- R&D
- Transshipment
- Non-cosmetic <100kg
- Cosmetic <100kg
- Cosmetic <1%

Pre-intro assessment and payment

Permits

- LVC100
- LVC1000
- CEC
- CUP
- EOP
- Permit renewal
- EIP

Certificates

- PLC (until recently)
- LTD
- STD
- EX
- Self assessment

IC Act

Introduction categories

Pre-intro assessment and $$$$

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Information to work out your introduction category

Must have

- Chemical identity

If you don't have this information, you might need to contact your supplier

Might need

- Introduction volume
- Introduction concentration
- End use concentration
- End use
- Hazard information
- Specified class of introduction

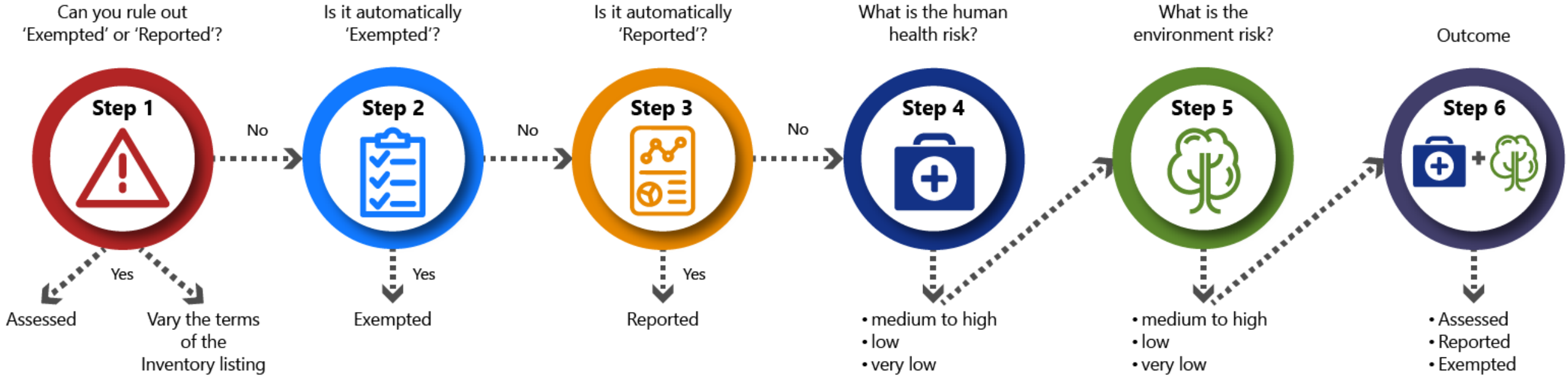
Useful to have or know

- Whether it is a polymer
- The molecular weight of your polymer
- International assessment of your chemical

Step 0 – Check the Inventory

- Is your chemical on the Inventory?
  - NO – go to Step 1 (next slide)
  - YES – go to next question
- Is your **introduction** within the terms of the Inventory listing?
  - YES – listed introduction category
  - NO – not a listed introduction. For more details, see the Inventory video

Work out your introduction category



Outcome = your introduction category

- Exempted OR
- Reported OR
- Assessed

Thank you!