

# Have your say: revisions to the Categorisation Guidelines in 2026

## Consultation closes

29 January 2026



This consultation closed on 28 January 2026.

## What's this about?

As part of our annual update to the Industrial Chemicals Categorisation Guidelines (Guidelines), we have compiled all the upcoming changes to the Guidelines in **September 2026**, including some proposals that are open for public comments.

This consultation covers the following topics:

- Updates to the list of chemicals with high hazards for categorisation (for information only)
- High hazard salts and esters (**open for comment**)
- Single definition for 'chemical identity holder' (**open for comment**)
- Updated links and minor editorial changes (for information only)



## Have your say

We invite your comments on the proposed Guideline changes by **28 January 2026**.



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## Updates to the list of chemicals with high hazards for categorisation (list) – for information only

This list is a downloadable resource that some importers and manufacturers may need to use when working out their introduction category. It is a list of chemicals that trusted national and international sources consider to be highly hazardous to human health or the environment. The information sources of the list are in Appendix 8.1 of the Guidelines.

### Adding and updating chemicals on the list

We will add **294** chemicals to the list in **September 2026**:

- **81** of these are chemicals that AICIS has assessed or evaluated since the last update to the list.
- **215** of these are chemicals from other list sources.
- **2** of these chemicals are being added as a result of both an AICIS evaluation and their addition to another list source.

These chemicals have at least one hazard characteristic in:

- human health hazard band C, or
- environment hazard band C or D.

Therefore, most introductions of these chemicals will not be eligible for the exempted or reported categories at steps 4 and 5 of the categorisation process.

We will also update **121** chemicals that are already on the list. These are chemicals that have been added to another source of the list that they were not previously on, or where the details of a chemical's hazards have changed within an existing source.

Based on current information we have from pre-introduction reports and post-introduction declarations, we expect that only a small number of importers or manufacturers will be impacted by adding these chemicals to the list. We'll contact these introducers before adding these chemicals to the list.

See the chemicals being added or updated on the list in the spreadsheet below:

## Download

**Chemicals that will be added to the list or updated in 2026 [XLXS 42 KB]**

## Removal of chemicals from the list

We will remove the following 2 chemicals from the list, as they no longer appear in the original source documents:

- 1,1,1-trichloroethane (CAS number 71-55-6)
- fluoro(triphenyl)stannane (CAS number 379-52-5).

Even though these 2 chemicals will be removed from the list, they are subject to other regulatory mechanisms that will still limit their introduction into Australia.

## Correction of a CAS number on the list

We will correct the CAS number on the list for bis(pentachlorophenyl) carbonate to 7497-08-7.

## High hazard salts and esters – open for comment

We propose to include the following 5 chemicals, which were the subject of an evaluation (EVA00122), in part 6.5.2 of the Guidelines (information required to demonstrate the absence of the developmental toxicity hazard characteristic).

Introducers may need to check that their introductions are not a salt or ester of the specified chemicals during the categorisation process.

Chemical name	CAS registry number
1H-Benzotriazole, 6-chloro-	94-97-3
1H-Benzotriazole	95-14-7
1H-Benzotriazole, 6-methyl-	136-85-6
1H-Benzotriazole, 6(or 7)-methyl-	29385-43-1
1H-Benzotriazole, 7-methyl-	29878-31-7

The exception criteria for these chemicals would be the same as for most of the other chemicals listed in this part of the Guidelines. These are:

- The salt/ester is a high molecular weight polymer, with low levels of low molecular weight species.
- The molecular weight of the salt/ester is greater than or equal to 1,000 g/mol.

## Have your say by 28 January 2026

Do you think any other chemicals should be added to part 6 of the Guidelines because their ester or salt is considered to have the same high hazard characteristics as the parent chemical? This could be a chemical from the list or from the chemicals that will be added to the list.

Factors to consider:

- The chemical must be able to form salts and/or esters.
- The salt or ester of the chemical is likely to be introduced into Australia for industrial use.
- If the chemical is not added to part 6 of the Guidelines, it is possible for the introduction of its ester or salt to be categorised as very low or low risk, based on the current categorisation requirements.

We will consider any suggestions using our existing prioritisation processes.

**Choose one answer:** (optional)

- Yes, I have suggestions about chemicals I believe need to be added
- No / I don't have any comments about this
- I'd like to give feedback by attaching a document or file

**Your comments:**

(Optional)

## Single definition for 'chemical identity holder' – open for comment

Currently, there are 2 definitions of 'chemical identity holder'. One relates to introduction of industrial chemicals that are in a flavour or fragrance blend and another relates to other industrial chemicals. However, the General Rules no longer refer to a 'chemical identity holder' in section 42 following the General Rules updates in April 2024.

Therefore, we propose to:

- Delete the definition regarding the introduction of flavour or fragrance blends.
- Update the definition of 'chemical identity holder' to more accurately describe the use of this term in the General Rules.

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As a result, there will be a single updated definition of a 'chemical identity holder' in relation to an industrial chemical.

These changes to the definition of a 'chemical identity holder' do not impact or alter the regulatory obligations or requirements for flavour or fragrance blend introductions and submission of pre-introduction reports.

Current definition in 2.1.1	Proposed definition in 2.1.1
<p><b>Chemical identity holder</b>, in relation to an industrial chemical, means a person who knows the chemical identity of the industrial chemical, including its proper name and Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CAS number), if assigned.</p> <p><b>Chemical identity holder</b>, in relation to a flavour or fragrance blend introduction, means a person who knows the chemical identity of the industrial chemicals in the flavour or fragrance blend, including the proper names and Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers (CAS numbers), if assigned.</p>	<p><b>Chemical identity holder</b>, in relation to an industrial chemical, means a person who has provided the Executive Director with information relating to the chemical identity of the industrial chemical, in accordance with the relevant sections of Chapter 3 of the IC General Rules.</p>

### Have your say by 28 January 2026

Do you agree with the proposed updated definition of a 'chemical identity holder' in the Guidelines?

**Choose one answer:** (optional)

- Yes, I agree with the new updated definition
- No, I don't agree
- I'd like to give feedback by attaching a document or file

**Your comments:**

(Optional)

## Updated links and minor editorial changes – for information only

### Known hazard classification (part 2.1.5)

**Safe Work Australia** has updated the document that is mentioned in part 2.1.5 of the Guidelines. This document describes the classification criteria for non-GHS hazard statements, which are part of the Guidelines definition of 'known hazard classification'.

We will replace Safe Work Australia's guidance document with their latest guide for classifying hazardous chemicals, as shown:

Current link in 2.1.5 (second bullet point)	Link in 2.1.5 (second bullet point)
<a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/system/files/documents/1702/classi...">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/system/files/documents/1702/classi...</a>	<a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/classifying-hazardous-chemical...">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/classifying-hazardous-chemical...</a>

We will also update the title of the Safe Work Australia guidance document to the new guide name, as shown:

Current text in 2.1.5 (second bullet point)	Text in 2.1.5 (second bullet point)
A non-GHS hazard statement, assigned under the classification criteria in 'Guidance on the Classification of Hazardous Chemicals under the WHS Regulations' published by Safe Work Australia	A non-GHS hazard statement, assigned under the classification criteria in 'Classifying hazardous chemicals – National guide' published by Safe Work Australia

### Minor editorial changes

These are fixing spelling or grammatical errors and inconsistencies, as well as updating outdated or broken links. We have described these in detail below for **information only**.

#### Consistent spacing around symbols

- For consistency and correctness, we will standardise the use of space between numbers and symbols.
- Where there is a <, >, ≥, or ≤ symbol we will insert a space in between the number and symbol.

#### Alphabetisation of definitions

In part 6.1 (Definitions of additional terms used within this Part of the Guidelines), we will arrange the definitions alphabetically.

#### Updated webpage link to an in-silico model

We will correct the link to the in-silico model "Tox21" that can be used for predicting skin sensitisation in Part 8.2, as shown:

Current link	New link
<a href="https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/whatwestudy/tox21/toolbox/index.html">https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/whatwestudy/tox21/toolbox/index.html</a>	<a href="https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/tox21">https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/tox21</a>

#### Spelling correction

The name of Tab #2 of the 'List of chemicals with high hazards for categorisation' will change from "Consolodated List" to "Consolidated List".

#### Capitalisation correction

In part 8.4.1 (Acceptable test guidelines for human health hazard characteristics), we will change 2 words to lowercase in the table row for 'Acute oral toxicity – in vitro' in the 'Equivalent test guidelines' column. These are shown in **bold** below:

Current	New
OECD Series on Testing and Assessment, No. 129, Guidance Document on Using Cytotoxicity Tests <b>To</b> Estimate Starting Doses <b>For</b> Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests (2010)	OECD Series on Testing and Assessment, No. 129, Guidance Document on Using Cytotoxicity Tests <b>to</b> Estimate Starting Doses <b>for</b> Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests (2010)

#### Replace 'provide an overview' with 'show'

Use of the word "overview" in Part 8.2 of the Guidelines may be misleading. Therefore, we will replace this with 'show'.

Current text in 8.2	New text in 8.2
Tables 1 and 2 <del>provide an overview for</del> which human health and environment hazard characteristics have in silico options, and which in silico models are appropriate.	Tables 1 and 2 <b>show</b> which human health and environment hazard characteristics have in silico options, and which in silico models are appropriate.

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