**WORKPLACE SUBSTANCES CHECKLIST**

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| **Product name:**  |  | **Generic name:** |  |
| **Position title:**  |  | **Company:** |  |
| **Date checklist completed** |  | **Date for review** |  |
| **Name of person completing checklist** |  |
| **What is the product used for (outline the work activity)?**  |
| **The name of the company supplying this product:**  |
|  | **YES** | **NO** |
| 1. Is the product clearly labelled?
 | ❒ | ❒ |
| 1. Is an SDS needed for this product? (Check with your supplier if uncertain)
 | ❒ | ❒ |
| 1. Does the workplace have the current SDS for this product?
 | ❒ | ❒ |
| 1. Is the SDS recorded in the Hazardous Substances Register?
 | ❒ | ❒ |
| 1. Do employees always know about the SDS and have access to it ?
 | ❒ | ❒ |
| **Hazardous Nature of the Chemicals (Refer to the SDS)** |
| ❒ Corrosive | ❒ Acute toxicity | ❒ Dangerous when wet (DG Class 4.3) |
| ❒ Mutagen | ❒ Reproductive effects | ❒ Oxidizer (DG Class 5) |
| ❒ Irritant | ❒ Explosive | ❒ Harmful to the environment |
| ❒ Sensitiser | ❒ Radioactive | ❒ Asphyxiant |
| ❒ Carcinogen | ❒ Flammable | ❒ Spontaneously combustible (DG Class 4.2) |
| **Exposure to the Substance** |
| **How often is this work activity performed (duration)?** |
| **Level of exposure (with existing controls)** | ❒ High | ❒ Uncertain |
|  | ❒ Medium | ❒ Not significant |
|  | ❒ Low |
| **Likely routes of exposure (with existing controls)** | ❒ Inhalation  | ❒ Skin |
|  | ❒ Ingestion | ❒ eyes |
| ❒ Injection |
|  **Estimated Risk**  | ❒ Exposure risks not significant |
|  | ❒ Exposure risks significant, but well controlled at present  |
| ❒ Exposure risks not effectively controlled  |
| **Risk Control** | **YES** |  |
| How can I improve safety? (Control measures to be implemented to reduce the risk of exposure during this work activity) |
| **Is a safer product available?** | ❒ | ❒ |
| **Can I minimise risks by:** Buying smaller quantities to avoid decanting, spillage, splashes etc.? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Using a lesser concentration? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Can engineering controls be used? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Is ventilation adequate? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Emergency procedures and equipment in place (e.g. Spill kits, emergency showers, eye wash stations, first aid kit) | ❒ | ❒ |
| Training provided to employees? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Wastes disposed of safely | ❒ | ❒ |
| Safe work procedures in place? | ❒ | ❒ |
| **Are employees/workers:** |
| Checked if they are high risk (e.g. pregnant; prone to allergies)? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Consulted about the use of the product? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Aware of any harmful effects? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Provided with the correct safety equipment? | ❒ | ❒ |
|  Trained in its storage, use, disposal and emergency procedures? | ❒ | ❒ |
| Does the workplace have appropriate first aid to deal with splashes or other incidents? | ❒ | ❒ |
| **Action Required:**  |
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| **Date actions completed:**   |
| **Name:**  | **Position:**  |
| **Signature:** |

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