

Exportation of Hazardous Chemicals

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1. Introduction

The [Chemicals Acts 2008](#) and 2010 provides for controls on the export and import of certain hazardous chemicals and articles containing them, including industrial chemicals and pesticides, in accordance with [Regulation \(EC\) 649/2012](#)

In this regard, the Health & Safety Authority (HSA) is the Designated National Authority (DNA) in Ireland with responsibility for industrial chemicals. The Pesticide Control Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the DNA with responsibility for pesticides.

Reference to hazardous chemicals in this manual refers to both industrial chemicals and pesticides.

Revenue is responsible for controlling the import and export of these hazardous chemicals. This instruction relates to the **control of exports of hazardous chemicals** only. The control by customs authorities in respect of the importation of chemicals is under discussion at EU level and a further instruction will issue when agreement has been reached.

2. Export procedure

[Regulation \(EC\) 649/2012](#) requires exporters of certain hazardous chemicals to notify the relevant DNA prior to export outside the EU. All hazardous chemicals listed in Annex 1, require an active Reference Identification Number (RIN), issued from ePIC, and authorised by the relevant DNA, before export from the EU can proceed. Annex 1 has three parts which are subject to different procedures with ePIC. All hazardous chemicals listed in Annex V of this regulation are banned from export.

Where an exporter can confirm that the intended use of the chemical is for research and development purposes only and the quantity is < 10kg per year, this export does not fall under the scope of the PIC Regulation. However, to enable the export to proceed through customs a special RIN must be obtained and included in Box 44 of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). This is done via the ePIC IT system.

Details of all RINs are recorded on ePIC, an IT system established and maintained by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for the export of hazardous chemicals.

3. Action by Customs at Exportation

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RIN validation

Where the exporter declares a RIN in Data Element 1204 of the customs declaration, AES will instruct staff that the RIN must be validated by Customs before the export can be permitted to proceed. In order to do this, staff should consult ePIC, which can be accessed via the following link:

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4. Contact details for Designated National Authorities

In the case of industrial chemicals, contact details for the HSA are as follows:

Email: chemicals@hsa.ie

Further information: [Export & Import of Hazardous Chemicals - Health and Safety Authority \(hsa.ie\)](#)

In the case of pesticides, contact details for the Pesticide Control Service of DAFM are as follows:

Email: pcs@agriculture.gov.ie

6. Enquiries concerning this manual

Further enquiries can be directed to:

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