

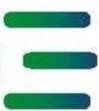
July 4, 2012

Directive

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What's next?

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## Compliance is imminent.

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## The SEVESO III Directive highlights

The new SEVESO Directive aims to ensure better protection to people and the environment from major accidents involving dangerous substances. Many companies have to take action to achieve compliance with the new rules and regulations for the classification, packaging and labelling of chemicals.

This directive is the key European legislation relating to the prevention and control of major chemical accidents. Adopted first in 1982 as European Union Directive 82/501/EC, it is now in its second amendment, SEVESO III Directive 2012/18/EU.

All dangerous substances are grouped in terms of their properties relating to risks, such as fire, human-toxicity and eco-toxicity. SEVESO III is in line with European Regulation 1272/2008 for the Globally Harmonised System for the classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures (CLP).

Under SEVESO III it is expected that the majority of establishments will remain at their current SEVESO status. Nevertheless, some companies will see their status changed as well as that there will be newcomers that may move to lower-tier or, in a few cases, directly into upper-tier. Those moving to a higher SEVESO status will need to collate appropriate documentation that previously was not required. For example, a company moving into upper-tier will have to prepare and maintain a full SEVESO Safety Report. Upper-tier sites may also be subject to more frequent inspections.

The SEVESO III Directive is applicable to any establishment where dangerous substances are present, or where other specified substances are present that could become dangerous during loss of control, in quantities equal to or above the threshold. An overview of all substances or substance mixtures considered as dangerous is included in the directive. It applies to all types of business, not only to those in the chemical sector. The SEVESO III Directive does not fundamentally alter the regulatory regime laid out in SEVESO II, but strengthens a number of areas, such as public access information and standards of inspection.

### From SEVESO II to SEVESO III

As a result of the review process, on 4 July 2012 the new Directive 2012/18/EU (known as SEVESO-III) was adopted, and thereby repeals the SEVESO II Directive 96/82/EC as of 1 June 2015.

### Changes include:

- Updating and aligning the list of substances on the classification of dangerous;
- Strengthening citizens' rights on access to information, justice and on decision-making;
- Improving the way information is collected, managed, made available and shared;
- Introducing stricter standards for inspections for effective implementation and enforcement;
- Clarifying and updating provisions to reduce administrative burden.

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