

## Use communication for LiSAO substances

**REACH** implementation is speeding up and specific duties regarding uses reporting have to be fulfilled through the whole plastic supply chain, according to Article 37.2. It is important that these uses are appropriately identified, documented and their safety assessed so that the additives can safely continue to be used in the future.

Many associations representing their downstream users and in collaboration with manufacturers have been working to help **downstream users**:

- to maximize the chances that their uses will be covered in the registration dossiers by reporting their uses, in line with Article 37(2) to their suppliers, **before 1 December 2009**,
- to facilitate confirmation that their uses will be assessed.

Uncontrolled and heterogeneous communication would create unnecessary work and be counterproductive. Therefore, these organizations are cataloging uses within their market areas with the intention of listing the majority of uses in their areas. By providing a **standard list of uses** in their sector, the listings from the associations can be referred to by both suppliers and downstream users to facilitate their communication about which uses will be assessed by the manufacturers when they complete their dossiers. Most of these listings use the REACH descriptor system described in the [ECHA guidance](#).

The **light stabilizers and antioxidants** that are manufactured by our members are used in a number of markets. As a convenience, we have provided below links to some of the associations that are in the process of compiling lists of uses and developing exposure scenarios for many of the markets that our products are used in.

### Advantages of this approach

**Manufacturers** can refer to the listings provided by the associations mentioned below with commitments to their customers that they will assess the uses listed for the markets served. The uses are the basis for the creation of exposure scenarios which describe safe uses of the substances. Finally, for each dangerous substance according to EC 1272/2008 (CLP), safe uses will be identified for inclusion in the registration dossier.

**Downstream users** can confirm that their use is included in the listing from the associations and can therefore have an efficient way to assure themselves that their use will be assessed if they have or receive a commitment from their supplier.

## Associations working on uses listing and preparation of generic exposure scenarios

### ⇒ **Plastics Exposure Scenario Team (PEST)**

PEST currently has compiled a list of uses in REACH language that they will be assessing. These uses can be considered to be draft generic exposure scenarios which will be assessed by the group in the coming months.

PEST publish on a website hosted by EuPC, a very detailed mapping of the single downstream process operations and applications in an understandable language to converters. This web tool will translate the more detailed mapping in common language into the Use Descriptors language mentioned above. Converters will be able to look to this list to validate that their detailed use can be translated into the REACH use descriptors provided above, that will be the basis for the assessment.

The PEST website and thermoplastics mapping search engine is online and functional now. Please go to the EuPC website :

[www.plasticsconverters.eu](http://www.plasticsconverters.eu)

and click on the icon PEST

Please get there and register in order to receive a login and password.  
You need to register so that

- 1) your output pdf mentions your company details
- 2) you can be updated on the progress of the PEST project

⇒ [FIECA](#) : Association of European adhesives and sealants manufacturers.

⇒ [CEPE](#) : European Council of producers and importers of paints, printing inks and artists' colors

⇒ [ATIEL](#) : Technical association of the European lubricants industry

⇒ [CONCAWE](#) : The oil companies' European association for environment, health and safety in refining and distribution (Does not contain a use listing)