

## **Safe use of diisocyanates, used in Polyurethane (PU) adhesives, sealants and foams**

### **PU training required by August 2023 for industrial and professional users**

Dear Valued Customer,

On 4 August 2020, a European restriction on diisocyanates was published by the EU authorities under the REACH regulation (EU 1907/2006), to avoid potential sensitisation by these substances, typically present in uncured PU products like PU adhesives, sealants and foams.

This new restriction requires additional labelling and training prior to professional and industrial use of products containing  $\geq 0.1\%$  monomeric diisocyanates. The training is required as of 24 August 2023 and must be renewed every five years.

### **The training**

PU adhesives and sealants are versatile and safe when used correctly. They are used for many applications in construction, transport, assembly and many more.

Soudal has cooperated with FEICA, the European sealant & adhesive industry association together with ISOPA and ALIPA, the diisocyanate manufacturers' industry associations, to prepare training material for use by its customers and all professional PU adhesive, sealant or foam users.

The training does not replace or amend other health and safety requirements but is additional to them. To inform users of products involved, the training requirement is mentioned on packaging as of 24 February 2022. Please note that this restriction targets the employer responsibility to provide adequate safety training to its personnel handling diisocyanates at its sites.

To ensure that professional users are informed even when buying retail products, Soudal included this training information on retail products as well. The training is only required for professional and industrial users. Retail users (Do-It-Yourself users) only have to follow REACH restriction entry 56, which states that they have to wear protective gloves that are contained in the packaging of the PU product. People that only support logistics or warehousing are not concerned because they are no users of the product when they do not open the packaging.

### **Access to the training**

Please refer to the label of the product whether a particular Soudal product is subject to this restriction.

The training material is made available via the following website:

<https://safeusediisocyanates.eu/>

Workers will have to be trained depending on their tasks and potential exposure. Employers will have to assess the workplaces and define the required training(s) which might be more than one.

To find the correct training, Soudal provides the training via a QR code on the label of the product. When scanning the code, the user is redirected to the website where the training is provided. After successfully followed the training, a certificate will be generated after passing a final test. This certificate is valid for 5 years.

The web-based training is priced at 5 Euros per user/certificate. However, by using the Soudal voucher code, the web-based training for foams, adhesives and sealants applications applied out of the well-known small packaging formats, will be free of charge for end users. The Soudal voucher code can be found on <https://pu-training.com/>.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact your local Soudal office in case you have further questions.