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# Welcome to the SAICM Chemicals in Products Programme!

*An Invitation to Stakeholders to Take and Share Their Actions*

## What is the CiP Programme?

The Chemicals in Products (CiP) Programme is a global initiative aimed at managing chemicals in products to ultimately reduce the risk to humans and the environment from these chemicals. Access to information on chemicals in products is a necessary condition for enabling sound management of chemicals throughout the product life cycle and supply chain. The importance of addressing CiP has been recognized by the multi-stakeholder Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) as fundamental for achieving the SAICM 2020 goal for the sound management of chemicals.

**Central Principle of the CiP Programme**

All stakeholders should have access to relevant and reliable information to make informed decisions about chemicals in products.

In October 2015, the fourth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4) welcomed the CiP Programme and recognized access to information on chemicals in products as a global issue. It requires collaboration on a worldwide scale, across stakeholder lines, and through the entire life cycle.

## What Does the CiP Programme Aim to Achieve?

The CiP Programme serves the overall aim to reduce risks from hazardous chemicals in products. To achieve this, it established three key objectives, which align with government and corporate goals and build on lessons from extensive stakeholder action:

- within supply chains, to know and exchange information on chemicals in products, associated hazards and sound management practices;
- to disclose information of relevance to stakeholders outside the supply chain to enable informed decision-making and actions about chemicals in products;
- to ensure that, through due diligence, information is accurate, current and accessible.

## Illustrative Examples of Actions Stakeholders Might Take and Share

***Brands, retailers, manufacturers of products, and chemicals suppliers*** may, for example, share action how CIP information:

- was collected and used to substitute or reduce risk from a hazardous chemical in a product;
- informed consumers and stakeholders about product safety or needed precautions;
- informed discussions with policy makers;
- is used for benchmarking against corporate goals;
- is disclosed to publically demonstrate progress in reducing risks from chemicals.

**Public interest stakeholders** may take and share actions such as:

- facilitating access to relevant CiP information for a particular product;
- use the CiP information to participate in discussions with manufacturers and policy makers;
- promoting worker protection actions or a general-public message that was generated using CiP information;
- use of CiP information for communicating and encouraging behavior changes.

**Governments** may take and share actions such as:

- announcements of a product regulation which included CiP information requirements;
- use of CiP information collected from industry to formulate policy targets for product safety;
- public-private partnerships that use CiP information to demonstrate progress beyond regulations;
- public procurement which includes consideration of CiP information.

## How Can Your Institution Benefit from Participating?

As a global forum to advance sound management of chemicals, SAICM offers an opportunity to engage with all stakeholders and facilitate the development of robust solutions with broad buy-in. The CiP Programme endorsed by SAICM offers a unique forum where stakeholders can showcase to a global audience their actions to know, inform about and manage chemicals in their products throughout the life cycle. CiP information can also be a way to meet legal obligations with regards to chemicals in products.

*By show-casing existing action, the CiP Programme will disseminate to a global audience approaches and practices for achieving chemical-content information flow in the supply chain and the entire life cycle.*

## How to Join the CiP Programme?

An organization can join the CIP Programme, by sending a letter from management stating that 1) it agrees with the objectives of the Programme and 2) commits to take actions to achieve them. Periodically (preferably on an annual basis) organizations should document actions and progress towards the Programme objectives. Organizations are free to choose what actions are shared. Information should be publically available and UNEP should be notified as to where details can be found, as appropriate. UNEP will make participation public, as well as the information on actions and progress towards the objectives.

## How UNEP Supports the CiP Programme

UNEP leads the CiP Programme and does this by:

- encouraging and supporting participants to join the Programme and share their actions;
- maintaining the CIP Programme website, bringing visibility to participants and providing access to supporting tools, guidance (including specific CiP Programme Guidance) and documents;
- facilitating knowledge management and sharing of good practices;
- developing and implementing CIP projects focusing on particular product sectors and regions.

# The time is now. Join the CiP Programme!

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