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Taiwan Publishes Downloadable Version of Existing Chemicals Inventory

The Ministry of Labor (MOL) on 31 December 2014 made available Taiwan's existing chemicals inventory as a downloadable PDF file. Before the list was published in this format, companies could only access listed substances via a database on the CSNN authority's website (csnn.osha.gov.tw/content/home/Substance_Query_Q.aspx). The PDF list of the inventory contains more than 80,000 substance identifiers, but does not include their respective English and Chinese names. While most substances are represented by CAS numbers, for those missing them, an "N number" has been assigned; those protected by confidential business information (CBI) provision have been assigned a "P number." As such, companies still need to access CSNN's online inventory to determine substance names of individual CAS and N numbers. The inventory is a crucial tool for companies to comply with the national chemicals registration scheme, "Taiwan REACH," by allowing them to determine whether their chemicals are "new" or already "existing." Taiwan REACH is effective 11 December 2014.

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