

# PRODUCT SAFETY GUIDE



**FOR DISTRIBUTORS  
AND DOWNSTREAM  
USERS**

**FASSA  
BORTOLO**

**Fassa Bortolo always strives to offer the building world traditional yet innovative products with low environmental impact and in line with national and European regulations.**

**Our Fassa I-Lab has a team dedicated exclusively to updating formulations, technical and safety data sheets according to new scientific findings and required changes. It is one of the fundamental aspects of our work for quality building.**

**Our commitment to safety is also addressed to you: for some years now, Directives have been imposing responsibilities on you, the customer, for the products you place on the market, and we want to stand by your side to help you.**

**This handbook clearly and briefly outlines which product safety regulations are relevant to the world of construction and colour, the roles laid down by these regulations, and the obligations to which each operator in the supply chain must adhere. It helps you understand and make sense of acronyms, symbols and codes that have become commonplace in our field.**

**It is a handy tool designed for you: we want your safety to be informed, truly effective and lasting. It is about protecting people's health and the environment, not just controls and possible sanctions.**

**SAFETY FIRST, ALWAYS.**





# THROUGH WHAT REGULATIONS DOES THE UK SEEK TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT?

The two main regulations are:

## UK-REACH

**UK-REACH** is the independent regulatory framework governing the manufacturing, import, and sale of chemical substances in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales). UK-REACH mirrors the structure of EU REACH.

**UK-REACH** is a regulation adopted to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can arise from chemicals. It applies to all chemicals: not only those used in industrial processes, but also those in everyday use, e.g. cleaning products or paints, as well as those found in articles such as screws, profiles, plasterboard. For this reason, this regulation has an impact on most companies.

## GB-CLP

**GB-CLP** is the post-Brexit regulatory framework in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) governing the classification, labeling, and packaging of chemical substances and mixtures.

Derived from the retained EU CLP Regulation, the GB-CLP Regulation aligns with the United Nations Globally Harmonized System (UN GHS).

**WARNING!!!** Fassa is committed to ensuring that the products it places on the market always comply with regulations.



### What is a substance?

It is a chemical element and its compounds, in their natural state or obtained by means of a manufacturing process (some examples: hydrated lime, gypsum).

### What is a mixture?

It is a combination or solution composed of two or more substances (some examples: paints, plasters, mortars).

### What is an article?

It is an object given a particular shape, surface or design during production that determines its function to a greater extent than its chemical composition (some examples: plasterboard, panels, dowels).

## WHAT IS A SAFETY DATA SHEET (KNOWN AS SDS) AND WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The safety data sheet is a document designed to communicate information about the properties and hazards of a substance or mixture, instructions for safe handling, disposal and transport, and first aid and fire-fighting measures.

The safety data sheet for a hazardous substance/mixture must be mandatorily communicated along the supply chain to all industrial and professional users, while it does not need to be provided to consumers. The SDS must be drafted and provided in the language of the country where the product is marketed.

**WARNING!!!** FASSA has set up a service to automatically send Safety Data Sheets with every first purchase and every update. In addition, the Safety Data Sheet is always available on our website [www.fassabortolo.com](http://www.fassabortolo.com) on the product page.

The SDS consists of 16 sections:

1. Identification of the substance or mixture and of the company/undertaking
2. Hazard Identification
3. Composition/information on ingredients
4. First-aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures
6. Accidental release measures
7. Handling and storage
8. Exposure controls/Personal protection
9. Physical and chemical properties
10. Stability and reactivity
11. Toxicological information
12. Ecological information
13. Disposal considerations
14. Transportation information
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information

**Section 1** lists the relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and the uses advised against. In addition, it gives the number of poison control centres to contact in an emergency.

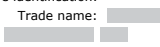
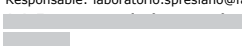
**Section 2** contains the hazard classification of the substance/mixture indicated by hazard pictograms, hazard statements (H-phrases) and precautionary statements (P-phrases).

**Section 8** contains occupational exposure limits and recommended personal protective equipment (PPE).

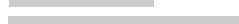
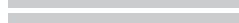
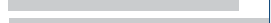
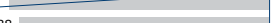
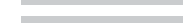
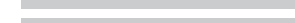
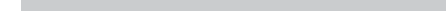
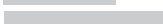
**Section 13** provides guidance on disposal.

**Safety Data Sheet**  
  
Safety Data Sheet dated 28/04/2025 version 2

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**  
**1.1. Product identifier**  
Mixture identification:  
Trade name:   
**1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**  
  
**1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**  
Company:   
Responsible: laboratorio.spresiano@fassabortolo.it  


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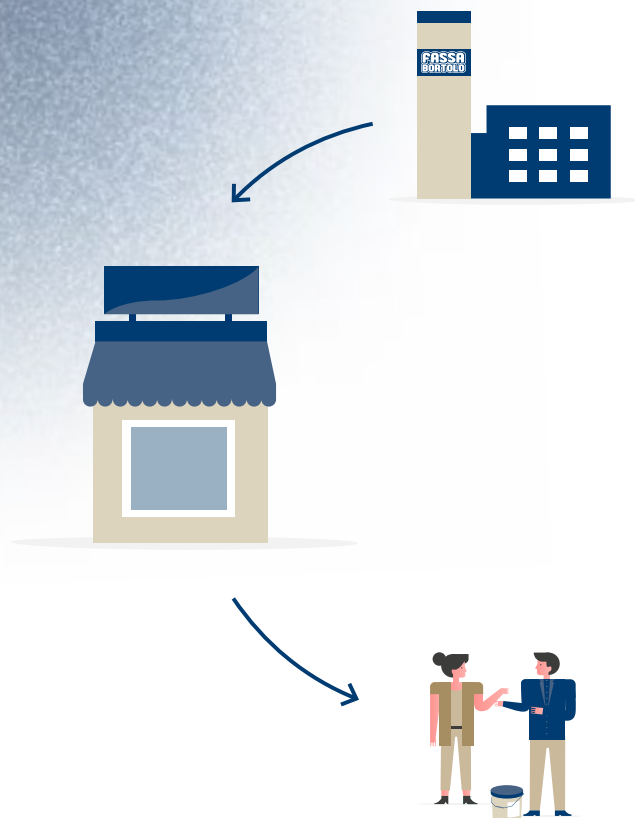
**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**  
  
  
  
Danger  
**Hazard statements**  
H315   
H317   
H318   
**Precautionary statements**  
P261   
P280   
P302+P352   
P305+P351+P338   
  
  
P310   
P501   
**Contains:**  
  


  
**Danger**

## WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN: DISTRIBUTORS OR DOWNSTREAM USERS?

# DISTRIBUTORS

You are a **DISTRIBUTOR** if you source a substance or a mixture within the UK, store it and then place it on the market for third parties without making any changes to the packaged product. Placing on the market means offering or making available to third parties either against payment or free of charge.



### What should you do if you qualify as a distributor and sell products to industrial or professional users?

You must communicate information on risks and hazards associated with products distributed down the supply chain.

The main tool for such communication is the safety data sheet, which, if provided, must also include the substance exposure scenarios for each identified use.

In the case of a hazardous substance or mixture, the following is required:

- provide the safety data sheet and ensure that it is in the respective national language and includes the information required under national legislation;
- ensure that the hazardous substance or mixture is correctly labelled and packaged.

Unlike substances and mixtures, it is only mandatory for articles to provide a safety data sheet if they contain substances of very high concern (known as SVHC); to date, none of our articles contain such substances.

### What if you qualify as a distributor and sell products to consumers?

You must ensure that hazardous products are labelled and packaged correctly. The label must include:

- hazard classification information in the required national language;
- contact details of the UK supplier;
- hazard pictograms, warnings, hazard statements and precautionary statements.

You must be informed about the products you store and supply. Before placing a substance, mixture or article on the market, you must ensure that it is allowed on the UK market.

# DOWNSTREAM USERS

You qualify as a **DOWNSTREAM USER** if you use the substances and mixtures in the following ways:

- in the production of new mixtures to be placed on the market (as in the use of the paint mixing system for colouring paints);
- in the production of articles (such as paper products, furniture, clothing);
- as part of a process (e.g. washing).

## What should you do if you qualify as a downstream user?

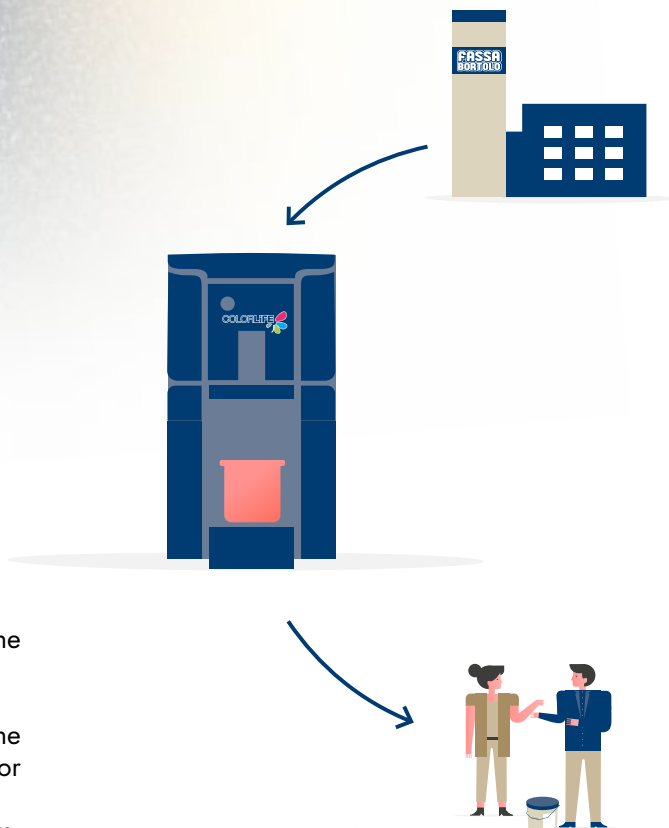
You must use chemicals and mixtures safely:

the responsibility for ensuring the safe use of products rests by law on all companies that use them as part of their industrial and professional activities. You must comply with the UK-REACH requirements regardless of the size of the company and its position in the supply chain. You must implement the operational conditions and risk management measures included in the safety data sheets provided by us.

You must supply the mixtures safely:

if you mix chemicals into mixtures (using the paint mixing system) that you place on the market, you have a major responsibility to ensure that your customers can use the products safely.

You are therefore obliged to classify each mixture before placing it on the market. If it is hazardous, you must label it so that workers and consumers know how to manage the risks.



*Effective communication with customers helps to provide information throughout the supply chain.*

# STILL HAVE DOUBTS? CONTACT US!



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Need more information on UK-REACH and GB-CLP Regulations and Safety Data Sheets?  
Contact us at [ufficio.regolatorio@fassabortolo.it](mailto:ufficio.regolatorio@fassabortolo.it)

**UK-REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals):**

Regulation concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals.

**GB-CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging):** Regulation concerning the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

**GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals):** The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

**SDS:** Safety Data Sheet.

**H-phrases:** Hazard statements.

**P-phrases:** Precautionary statements.

**PPE:** Personal Protective Equipment.

**SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern):** Substances of Very High Concern.



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