



**B&Q Chemicals Management
DIY Detox**

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Our Approach to Chemicals Management

B&Q provides a comprehensive range of products that enable our customers to maintain and enhance their homes. Many of these products are derived from chemicals. As a responsible retailer, B&Q strives to ensure that our customers, staff and the environment are not impacted by any hazards associated with these chemicals. Where B&Q considers that current legislation does not adequately protect against hazards, we employ a precautionary approach

- Identifying chemicals of concern that maybe present products
- Working with our suppliers to substitute chemicals with lower risk alternatives
- Offering customers alternative products
- Discontinuing products where there are significant risks

Chemical Reference Database

B&Q's reference database contains a list of chemicals that have been identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous and instructions on what action suppliers should take.

Restricted: the use of this chemical is restricted by law.

Do not use: the chemical must not be present at 0.1% by weight or above (limits for some chemicals maybe lower).

Inform: use may or may not be acceptable, depending on the product, the availability of alternatives and the risks presented by the chemical. Suppliers must consult B&Q about their use of these chemicals.

The database is hosted on the Internet, <http://www.kingfisherchemicals.com/>, further instructions on how to use the database and our expectations can be found on the website.

Changes for 20010/11

More chemicals have been added to the REACH "candidate list", these have been included in the online database.

DIY Detox and Supplier Assessments

Suppliers must be able to demonstrate they have system for managing the chemicals issues in their business, including the following (where applicable):

1. REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals). Note the requirements for articles and issues arising from the “Candidate list” of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).
2. EU Classification & labelling regulations
3. Biocidal products directive / regulations (BPD/BPR), Control Of Pesticides Regulations (COPR) and the Plant Protection Products Regulations (PPPR)
4. Rohs (electrical products)
5. Safety of Toys Directive (2009/48/EC)
6. Detergent regulations (cleaning products)
7. B&Q's DIY Detox strategy and restricted substances lists.

DIY Detox and Product Introduction

1. Suppliers must check that their products comply with EU chemicals legislation. Please note that EU regulations apply both to chemical products (e.g. paint) and to non-chemical products “articles” (electronics, garden furniture...).
2. Suppliers must check if any chemicals in their products are listed in our DIY Detox lists or the REACH ‘candidate list’ and inform their QA or SR contact if any of these chemicals are present.
3. Complete the chemicals field in the new product input (SAP) form with either the CAS number or B&Q generic code as found on www.kingfisherchemicals.com

Chemical Preparations

An up-to-date Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be supplied for all chemical preparations (e.g. paints, adhesives). All cleaning products must have an SDS and an ingredient data sheet (as required by the detergents regulations). These data sheets must be uploaded to my-sds.co.uk. Please refer to the Quality Assurance Department for assistance.

Articles

REACH has extended the scope of chemicals legislation to include articles (e.g. furniture, electrical equipment etc.). During product introduction suppliers must inform B&Q if their product contains any substances on the 'Candidate List' for Substances of Very High Concern, or in B&Q's DIY Detox lists. Additionally, suppliers must inform B&Q of any 'substances intended for release' from articles (e.g. scents), when B&Q is importing the article into the EU. Electrical products must comply with RoHS.