

*Following the exit of the UK from the EU/EEA on the 31.12.2020, this position paper aims to provide comprehensive explanation of the Hydrocarbon Solvents Naming Convention allowing the substances it covers to be adequately identified for compliance with UK REACH regulations.*

Historically, the Naming Convention was developed and adopted by HSPA and its members at the start of the EU REACH registration process over 10 years ago now with for main objective a better characterization of Hydrocarbon Solvents by differentiating them from the feedstock they were manufactured from. As a result, Hydrocarbon Solvents are currently identified by their distinctive naming nomenclature, an ECHA 9xxx-xxx-x EC List number and no CAS Number.

Since the first EU REACH registration deadline in 2010, the industry and the Hydrocarbons Solvents Consortium have worked relentlessly with ECHA, the EU Members States and the OECD to ensure recognition of the Naming Convention. More recently with the emergence of EU REACH like regulations worldwide, HSPA has been further working towards its recognition worldwide. Following Brexit, HSPA is now looking at working in partnership with the UK regulator to continue the work done so far with ECHA and OECD.

It is important to note that at this time the substances belonging to the Naming Convention have no official or dedicated CAS Numbers.

HSPA advises any companies wishing to comply with UK REACH regulations to refer to the ESIG website where a copy of the Naming Convention, the list of substances that it covers, their corresponding ECHA 9xxx-xxx-x List numbers and EU REACH registration numbers can be found using the link below

[https://www.esig.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/201910\\_HSPA-naming-convention-October-2019.pdf](https://www.esig.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/201910_HSPA-naming-convention-October-2019.pdf)

Whether it is as part of the grandfathering process, an inquiry or a downstream user notification (DUIN), only the identifiers listed in the Naming Convention document should be available and used as reference.

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