

What is the Naming Convention?

Historically, the Naming Convention was developed and adopted by the Hydrocarbon Solvents Producers Association (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.

[Hydrocarbon Solvents Naming Convention - ESIG](#)

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.

Where is it applicable?

When the Naming Convention was first established for REACH registration and related substance identity clarifications, since the first EU REACH registration deadline in 2010, the hydrocarbons solvents producers have worked relentlessly with ECHA, the EU Members States and the OECD to ensure recognition of the Naming Convention. This led to an OECD guidance for characterizing hydrocarbon solvents for assessment purposes [pdf \(oecd.org\)](#)

More recently with the emergence of EU REACH like regulations worldwide, HSPA has been further working towards its recognition worldwide. For UK REACH this approach has been fully accepted.

Why is further recognition needed?

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

This might lead to confusion where legislation only refer to CAS numbers.

For reference purposes, an overview document that does not claim to be complete is however available and regularly updated

[Hydrocarbon Solvents REACH REGISTRATIONS EC number - CAS relationship for UVCB](#)

HSPA urges to have the Naming Convention accepted for all EU regulations to have a common approach to substance identity and only use EC numbers when referring to hydrocarbon solvents.

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