

The UFI in Switzerland

Chemicals legislation in Switzerland is considered to be largely harmonized with EU regulations. However, the relevant laws and regulations are developed and applied autonomously.

This is also the case with the UFI (Unique Formula Identifier). Swiss regulations are similar to those in the EU, but not completely identical.



Example of a UFI code in the context of its meaning (symbolic image)

Anyone who places chemical products on the market in Switzerland that are classified as hazardous to health or physically dangerous must report detailed product information to the competent authorities. This is done by submitting data to the Swiss Product Register for Chemicals (RPC). The reporting requirement includes information on the composition and the UFI. For consumer products, the complete composition must be reported so that the ToxInfo Suisse poison control center can access this data in an emergency. The UFI, which must also be printed on the product label, is used to quickly and clearly identify chemical products

and their components in the event of poisoning.

What should Swiss companies bear in mind?

The UFI must be generated for all preparations (mixtures), in particular for biocidal products, fertilizers, plant protection products, and tobacco products (refill containers with liquids, also known as e-liquids), provided that these are classified as hazardous to health or physical hazards. This can be identified by GHS hazard codes in the form H3xx or H2xx.

Exceptions exist for medicinal products, medical devices, food and feed, cosmetic products, weapons and ammunition, and waste.

For most of the above-mentioned products, the UFI must be indicated on the label from January 1, 2026. Only for plant protection products is there a different deadline, namely December 1, 2027.

In the EU, the UFI has to be included on product labels since January 1, 2025, at the latest, and product data have to be reported as part of Poison Centres Notifications (PCN).

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I+K AG has been advising Swiss SMEs and large companies on technical chemical and environmental safety issues for over 30 years. With our SaaS application [SAFIN](#), we offer an intelligent web-based solution for hazardous substance classifications as well as for the creation of safety data sheets, chemical labels, and operating instructions.

With our [services](#), we advise and support our clients in all matters relating to the UFI and product notifications in accordance with the Swiss ChemV (RPC notifications) and Annex VIII of the CLP Regulation (Poison Centres Notifications, PCN).

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