

Substances for Registration under REACH - Uses of gases The Linde Group Uses Communication Tool

Dear Customer,
Dear Supplier,

This letter is to inform you about The Linde Group's Uses Communication Tool and to facilitate the REACH communication process along the supply chain.

An important element of the registration of substances under the Regulation EC 1907/2006 (REACH) is information about customers' downstream use of the substance.

Before Chemical Safety Assessments can be started, all uses have to be known. The Industrial Gas industry's 'alignment on use' process has been designed to communicate the uses of any given substance in an efficient way. Through this approach, manufacturers and importers have started developing information on uses in cooperation with selected customers and with Downstream Users associations. This has resulted in a list that includes most of the uses that have been identified.

We have made this list available to our suppliers and customers (Downstream Users) in our Uses communication tool which is located on our dedicated REACH website under the Substances for Registration section at:

http://reach.linde.com/International/Web/Linde/like35reachlinde.nsf/docbyalias/substances_for_registration_int

Please use our tool to check whether your use of the substance(s) we supply to you is included in the list.

For each substance supplied to you by The Linde Group, simply select the substances from the drop down list. Then scroll down the list of usages and check that one or more of the generic uses, together with the codes from the Use Descriptor System described in CEFIC Guidance Document R12, describe your use of the substance. If you cannot find an appropriate description of your use of the substance, please send an email with your company and contact details and the name of the substance together with your specific use to uses@linde.com

Exempted substances

Please note that substances exempted from registration by Annex IV and V of REACH will be available for any use not limited by regulations other than REACH. Communication of uses of these substances will not be necessary and the substances are not included in our tool. You can find a list of these substances on the same website.

Kind regards