

Responsible Care



We are a member company of Verband der Chemischen Industrie, and we commit ourselves to act in the meaning of the global initiative Responsible Care and to continually improve the protection of health and the environment as well as the safety of staff and fellow citizens, acting on our own responsibility and following the VCI [Responsible Care] Guidelines "Verantwortliches Handeln":

1 The chemical industry considers the safety and the protection of humans and the environment as a matter of fundamental importance. Therefore, the company executive management will elaborate environmental policy guidelines, regularly review [these guidelines] in respect of new requirements, and put into place processes for the effective implementation of these rules in operational practice.

2 The chemical industry encourages in all staff members their personal sense of responsibility for the environment and makes them more acutely aware of potential burdens on the environment due to their products and the operating of their plants.

3 In respect of its products and corporate activities, the chemical industry takes questions and concerns of the public seriously and deals with them in a constructive manner.

4 In order to protect its staff, neighbours, customers, consumers and the environment, the chemical industry continually reduces dangers and risks in the production, storage, transport, distribution, use, recovery and disposal of its products. As early as in the development of new products and production processes, the chemical industry takes into consideration aspects relating to health, safety and the environment.

5 The chemical industry informs its customers in a suitable way about the safe transport, storage, safe use, recovery and disposal of its products.

6 The chemical industry continually works on widening the knowledge of potential impacts of products, production processes and wastes on humans and the environment.

7 Irrespective of economic interests, the chemical industry will reduce the placing on the market of products or cease their production if this becomes necessary as a precaution to protect health and the environment, according to the results of a risk assessment. The chemical industry will provide comprehensive relevant information to the general public.

8 In case of operation-related risks to health or the environment, the chemical industry takes the necessary measures, cooperates closely with the authorities, and informs the general public without delay.

9 The chemical industry actively contributes its knowledge and experiences to the development of practice-oriented and effective laws, ordinances and standards, in order to ensure the protection of humans and the environment.

10 The chemical industry promotes the principles and the implementation of the [German Responsible Care] initiative "Verantwortliches Handeln". This includes in particular an open exchange of findings and experiences with impacted and interested stakeholders.

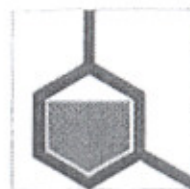
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