

EUROPEAN UNION SUBSTANCES OF VERY HIGH CONCERN (EU SVHC) POSITION

Purpose

Controlling chemical pollution is a key determinant of health outcomes for humans and the environment. The European Union (EU) Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) program seeks to mitigate chemical pollution through rigorous scientific review and determination if and how chemicals can be used. This work directly supports Ecolab's mission to make the world cleaner, safer and healthier – protecting people and vital resources.

Scope

This position applies to Ecolab's operations, products, and services.

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Substances that may have serious and often irreversible effects on human health and the environment can be identified as SVHCs. Ecolab's products and operations are regulated by numerous different laws globally, including the EU SVHC regulations in our European products and operations.

As of 2021, Ecolab has incorporated the SVHC authorization list into our internal chemical ingredient policy in support of our target to eliminate the remaining <2% of products which utilize these chemistries in the global portfolio. Specifically, this policy requires all businesses to phase out substances listed on the authorization list within two years of listing, or in accordance with implementation timing in Europe. As this underlying SVHC list continues to evolve as new substances are evaluated, the number of products impacted within our portfolio may change over time, and this position is put in place to continue to drive these substances out of the global portfolio.

In addition to eliminating SVHC listed chemicals in current products, Ecolab's chemical ingredient policy also prohibits developing new products containing SVHCs. The foundations of sustainable design are embedded into our research and development processes to ensure safety and sustainability are integrated into our products. Ecolab's product sustainability programs are built in partnership with our regulatory teams to go beyond regulation to help ensure best practices in chemical product management.

Additional information on our REACH compliance programs within Europe and management of chemicals on the SVHC candidate list can be found [here](#).

Responsibility

The Corporate Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs departments are responsible for the implementation of this position.

Reporting

Ecolab is committed to providing transparent public reporting of our sustainability metrics and progress against our goals and targets, including our on-going progress to eliminate SVHCs from the portfolio.

References

- [European Union Substances of Very High Concern](#)
- [Ecolab REACH program](#)

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