

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS INTRODUCTION SCHEME (AICIS)

Comprehensive Regulatory Support

Intertek Assuris supports its customers with the technical know-how needed to comply with the obligations outlined under the new AICIS.



Background

On March 12th 2019, Australia's Industrial Chemicals Bill received Royal Assent and passed into Law. The Australian Industrial Chemical Introduction Scheme (AICIS) has taken effect since 01 July 2020 and has replaced the current National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).

AICIS defines industrial chemicals by exclusion of use categories covered by other regulations or by exemption, and requires manufacturers and importers to assign an introduction category to chemicals before placing on the Australian market. An important development with the AICIS regulation is a shift to a more risk-based framework.

Registration of Importers and Manufacturers (Introducers)

Introducers of industrial chemicals into Australia are required to register their business with the Register of Industrial Chemical Introducers and categorize their introductions.

Reporting Requirements

The reporting and record-keeping obligations vary depending on the relevant introduction category. However, every introducer is required to submit an annual declaration at the end of each registration year including information on the industrial chemicals imported/manufactured.

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

The current Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS) will be replaced by the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC). Chemicals listed on the AIIC inventory can be introduced to Australia provided the terms of the listing are complied with.

If an introducer wishes to introduce an industrial chemical which is not listed on the AIIC, registration according to one of the following introduction categories will be required:

- Exempted Introductions,
- Reported Introductions,
- Assessed Introductions,
- Commercial Evaluation Introductions, or
- Exceptional Circumstances Introductions.

The Intertek Advantage

Intertek helps importers, manufacturers and end users of industrial chemicals navigate the complexities of the AICIS.

Our services include:

- Surveillance and interpretation of the AICIS;
- Conduct chemical analyses;
- Categorize chemical introductions;
- Develop notification strategies;
- Design, implementation, and stewardship of testing programs;
- Develop and defend waiver requests and surrogate data;
- Prepare notification dossiers;

- Post-notification maintenance (i.e., annual reporting); and
- Support legal advisors on non-compliance/ notification related issues.

Intertek's experts will conduct a thorough evaluation of your substance, assist with notification strategies or exemptions, and ensure your notification is professionally submitted according to the requirements of the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS).

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