

# Why and how to maintain a library of SDSs?

## Why are new revisions of Safety Data Sheets for the same product issued?

Regulations related to chemicals are constantly improved. These changes often require new information to be included in SDSs or require information to be presented in a different way.

When the supplier of a SDS is aware of an error in their SDS, they are also required to issue a revised version.

Consequently, suppliers of SDSs are following the changes in the regulations and are updating their SDSs regularly. This is typically every 2-3 years. There is always a date on the SDS that indicates the revision date of the SDS.

If your company uses 300 different substances, that means that you need to update 10 or your SDSs every month to keep your library up to date.

As you can imagine, this is quite a large manual job to regularly check your suppliers if there are any updates to any of your SDSs.

If you choose to use SDS Manager to manage your SDS library, you are alerted when we find new versions of your SDSs.

### See exactly what changed (in seconds)

SDS Manager will highlight the changes between the SDS you currently have in your SDS library and the new revision of the SDS. In our diff-view, we only list the information that has changed so you don't need to read and compare entire documents line by line

Data to the left is the current SDS, and the data to the right is the revised version, making it easy to verify updates and understand what matters.

### Assign updates for review

When a new SDS version is identified, the change review can be assigned to a specific person (such as HSE, QA, a site manager, or the chemical owner). This helps clarify who is responsible for reviewing and approving the update and can reduce the risk of changes being overlooked.

### Print the differences to PDF (for offline documentation)

If documentation is needed for audits, internal reviews, or offline access, the diff view can be printed to a PDF. This makes it easier to keep a clear, shareable record of what has changed

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