



Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin

## Committee on Hazardous Substances (AGS)

# Chemicals Legislation in Germany

## Marketing



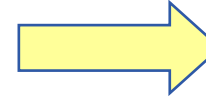
**EU-harmonised**



**classification**  
**labelling**  
**safety data sheet**  
**notification**

**Supplier`s duty**

## Occupational Safety & Health



**EU-Framework**

**Member States Responsibility**

- risk assessment
- substitution
- control measures
- medical surveillance
- information and training

**Employer`s duty**

# OSH Legislation on Hazardous Chemicals in Germany

**Legislation**

**Hazardous substances ordinance**

**Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs**

**Guidance**

**Technical rules for hazardous substances**

**Committee on Hazardous Substances**

**support**

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**Leaflets, practical guidelines**

**Statutory Accident Insurance Institutions**

**Federal States**

**Other „OSH players“**

## Committee on Hazardous Substances (AGS)

- Based on § 20 Hazardous Substances Ordinance
- Tripartite Committee advising **Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs**
  - OSH-measures (incl. classification and labelling)
- 21 members  
(representatives of social partners, enforcing authorities, statutory insurance and others)
- Two meetings each year

# Committee on Hazardous Substances (AGS)

- **3 subcommittees** assisted by **working groups**
  - Hazard management (I)
  - Protection measures (II)
  - Hazard risk assessment (III)
- **Project groups**

# Catalogue of Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS)

- glossary
- 2xx marketing of certain dangerous substances, preparations and products
- 3xx - 6xx work with chemical agents
- 7xx medical surveillance
- 9xx threshold limit values, labelling, justifications and other TRGS

[www.baua.de/de/Themen-von-A-Z/Gefahrstoffe/TRGS/TRGS.html](http://www.baua.de/de/Themen-von-A-Z/Gefahrstoffe/TRGS/TRGS.html)

## Legal Status of TRGS

- Application of TRGS leads to the **assumption that the requirements** of the hazardous substance ordinance **are fulfilled**.
- see also announcement of the **Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs** concerning the application of TRGS against the background of the new hazardous substance ordinance:

[www.baua.de/de/Themen-von-A-Z/Gefahrstoffe/TRGS/Bekanntmachung-TRGS.html](http://www.baua.de/de/Themen-von-A-Z/Gefahrstoffe/TRGS/Bekanntmachung-TRGS.html)

# Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS)

- TRGS are discussed and agreed by the AGS
- Drafts of the TRGS are prepared in working-groups of the AGS, that are also „tripartite“ and may include participants that are not members of the AGS, e.g. technical experts and representatives (e.g. employers, employees, producing industry) from industry branches that are especially involved in some TRGS.
- published in the official gazette

## Part of the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)

- Experts from BAuA are members of Subcommittees and working groups
- BAuA is the secretariat of the AGS. It controls formal issues in the TRGS (like terminology and consistence with legal provisions)

## Committee on Hazardous Substances - management board

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