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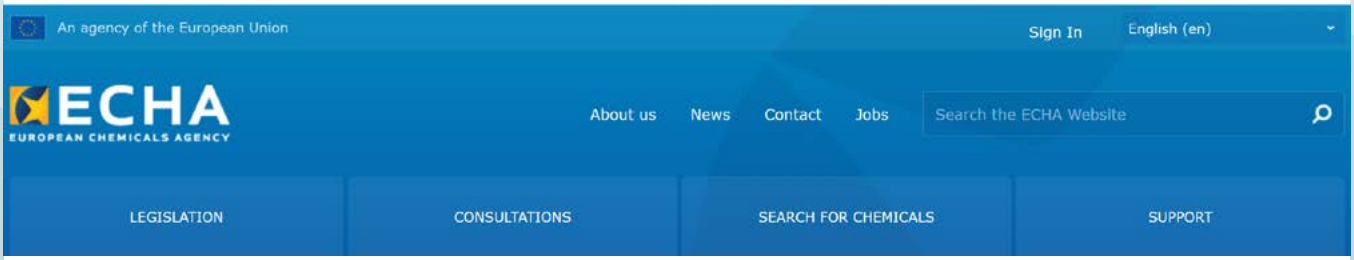
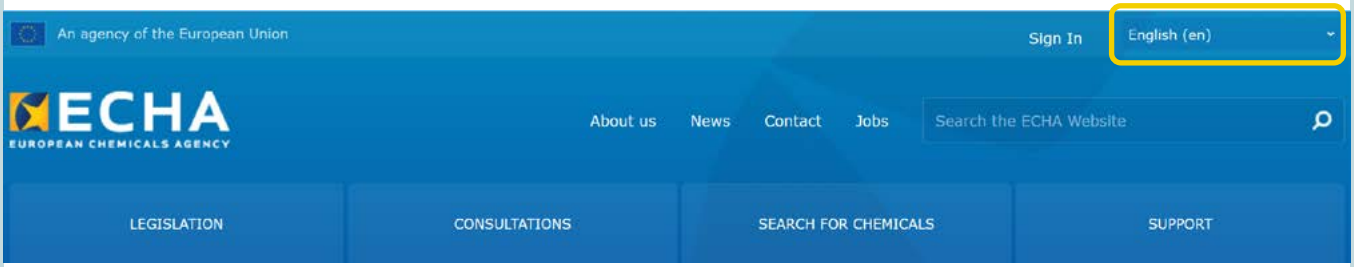
Finding information on chemical substances and their regulatory requirements

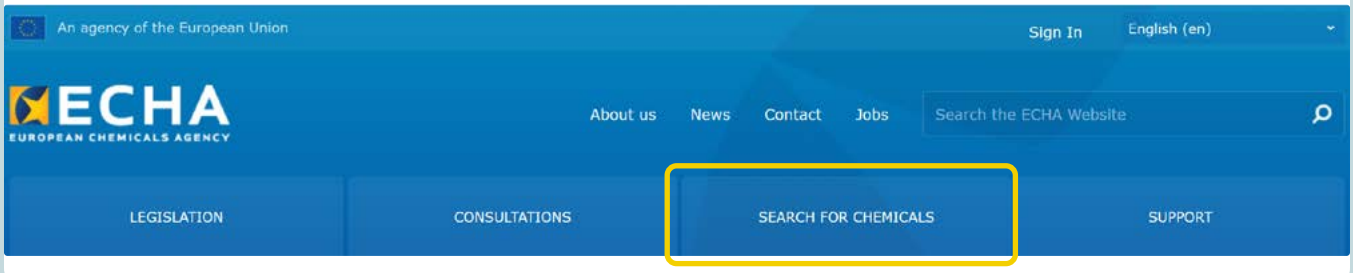
1 Open the European Chemicals Agency website: *echa.europa.eu.*



Select the website language - English.
Some explanatory information is available in the languages of EU Member States; however, substance information is available only in English.



Select "Search for chemicals".



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The ECHA database offers two main search options:

1. **ECHA CHEM** – search for information on substances registered under the requirements of the REACH Regulation, including their properties.

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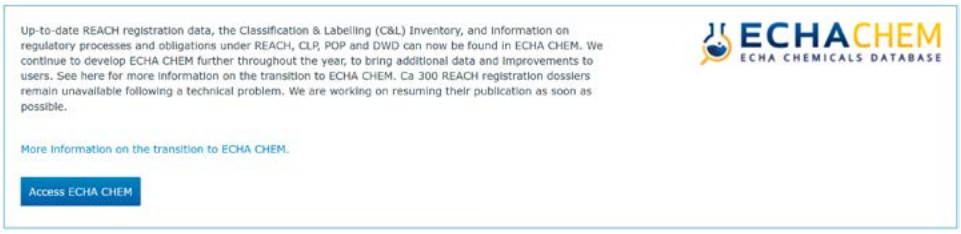
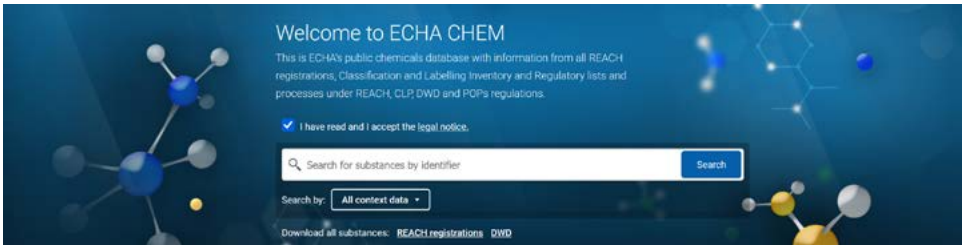


Each manufacturer or importer of a substance on its own or in a mixture must register the substance. Exemptions are set out in Article 2 of the REACH Regulation.

The **ECHA CHEM database** can be used to answer the following questions:

- Is the substance I manufacture or import subject to registration under Article 6 of the REACH Regulation, and might I therefore need to complete the registration process?
- Can my substance supplier, who claims to have registered the substance, be found by substance and company name in the ECHA CHEM database?



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2. **Search for other data on chemicals** – information about a chemical substance and its regulations.



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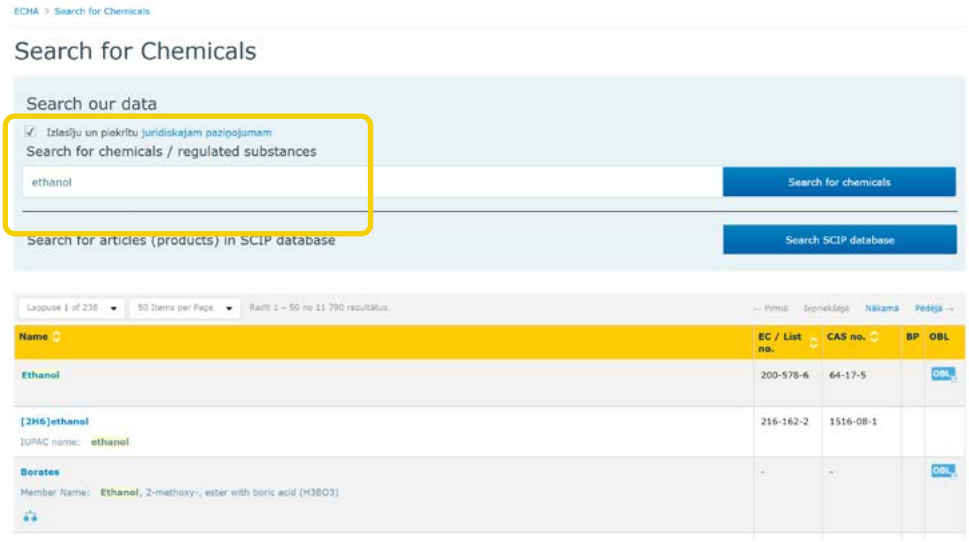
For example, enter one of the substance identifiers:

- substance name (in English);
- EC or CAS number;
- tick the box to confirm that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions.

Example: ethanol
CAS: 64-17-5
EC: 200-578-6



The database displays the search results.

- Select the result that most closely matches your substance identifiers.

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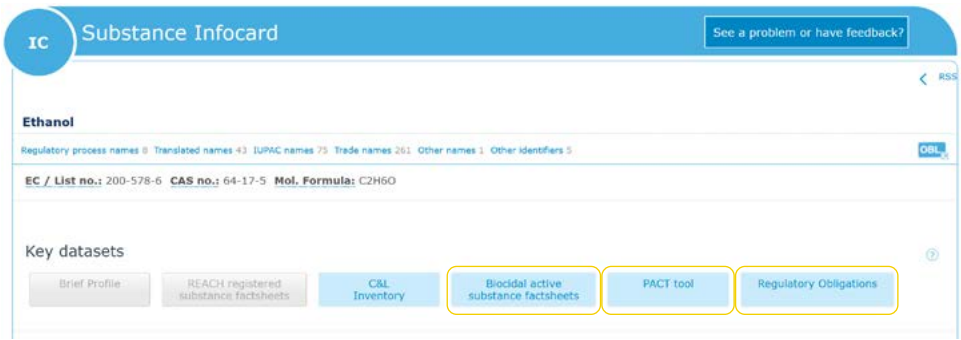
Selecting the appropriate search result opens the substance information page in the ECHA database – the information card, or *infocard*.



Key datasets (in blue) indicate which chemical regulatory processes the substance is included in.

In this example:

- **Biocidal active substance factsheets** – subject to biocidal product regulations;
- **PACT tool** – included in the Public Activities Coordination Tool (PACT), which provides an overview of substance-specific activities undertaken by authorities under the REACH and CLP Regulations;
- **Regulatory Obligations** – other legislation governing the circulation and handling of the substance.

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In the ***Regulatory context*** section, users can find explanations of the regulatory processes in which the substance is included or to which it may be subject.



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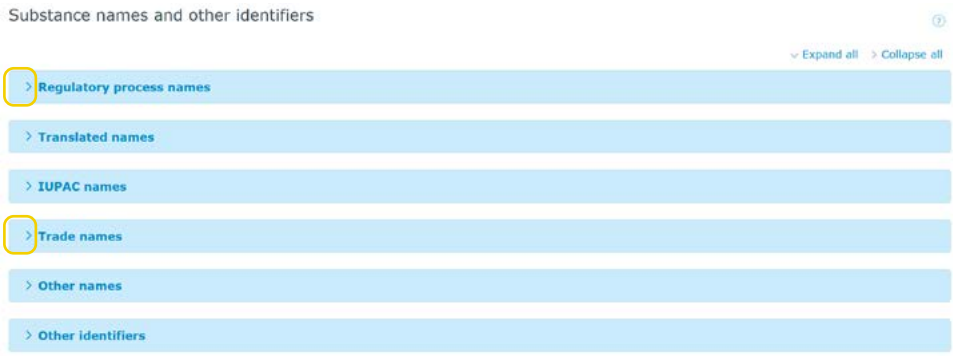
In the ***Substance names and other identifiers*** section, users can find information on substance names and other identifiers.

This section is particularly useful because the same substance may be referred to by different names or trade names throughout the supply chain.

- If the substance has an EU harmonised classification, its name is also available in translation in all EU Member State languages.



Further information and support on regulatory requirements are available at:
https://echa.europa.eu/lv/support