

ISOPA/ALIPA and secova cooperate on diisocyanates training

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The training material on the safe use of diisocyanates developed by ISOPA/ALIPA is now available on secova's EHS software sam®.

ISOPA/ALIPA, the trade associations for diisocyanate producers in Europe and one of the leading software companies in the field of Environmental, Health and Safety in Germany have agreed on a long-term cooperation.

On 24 August 2023, an EU REACH regulation will come into force making it mandatory for people using or handling diisocyanates to successfully complete a training. This restriction applies both to industrial and professional uses of products containing 0.1% or more diisocyanate. Diisocyanates are respiratory sensitizers and therefore workers need to be trained to understand how to use and handle the substance safely.

ISOPA/ALIPA together with major Downstream Associations have created a [training platform](#) to ensure that all workers in the European Union can follow an adequate training before the deadline.

Levering on the customer base of secova, ISOPA/ALIPA is more than pleased about the collaboration. All training modules developed under the leadership of ISOPA/ALIPA are now also available via secova's EHS software solution sam®. The training modules cover the three levels (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced) described in the restriction. Depending on the tasks of an employee, the risk of exposure varies, and therefore different levels of training exist.

[Secova](#) and the Software System sam® is a browser- and database-based EHS software that makes it easier for any company to master operational and legal obligations. sam® consists of various functional modules that cover areas such as incident management, risk assessment, hazardous substance management, occupational safety and much more. The sophisticated functionality makes it possible to use the software very quickly throughout the company and to solve operational processes faster and more efficiently.

The new cooperation with ISOPA/ALIPA enlarges the portfolio for sam® users. All the advantages of having one software managing all EHS relevant topics pays now also off for becoming compliant with the restriction on diisocyanates. Employees can conduct their training courses at their workplace, but also online from home. sam® reduces the effort and facilitates effective implementation.

Diisocyanates and polyols are the main chemical building blocks to make polyurethanes, a versatile, modern, and safe high-tech polymer which plays a crucial role in making our life more convenient, comfortable, and sustainable. Polyurethanes are just found about everywhere in modern life such as insulation of buildings, exterior and interior automotive applications, mattresses and furniture and many others.



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ISOPA represents major European manufacturers of aromatic diisocyanates and polyols, the main raw materials used to make polyurethanes. More information on diisocyanates, their applications and ISOPA's product stewardship initiatives can be found on the [ISOPA website](#).

ALIPA was created by the major European producers of aliphatic isocyanates and polyisocyanates – key components for high quality coatings, adhesives and elastomers – in order to encourage the safe and proper use of these materials. You can find more information about ALIPA's objectives and initiatives on the [ALIPA website](#).

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