



# Chemdata News

*The Newsletter for all Chemdata users, highlighting program developments and other issues of interest to Emergency Responders*

## **Hazmat Event 2009 – including the first UK HMEPO Forum**

### **An annual event for Hazmat Professionals**

NCEC will again be presenting this annual event for those at the sharp end of response to Hazardous Materials incidents. The event will be held in Manchester on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

The program will include Hazardous Materials Response, Environmental Protection, Emergency Planning, Future Technologies, Developments in Legislation and Case Studies.

Additionally, on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February we will be holding the first UK HMEPO Forum. This informal gathering will start with an introduction to the HMEPO Forum with its aims and objectives outlined. NCEC will then launch their new online HMEPO Forum, and you will have the opportunity to network over a few drinks. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in participating in the online forum please email us at [hazmatevent@the-ncec.com](mailto:hazmatevent@the-ncec.com)

For the latest details on the event, please visit our website at [www.the-ncec.com/hazmat-event/](http://www.the-ncec.com/hazmat-event/)

## 2008.2 Update

### **ADR 2009, data updates, Windows Vista and an update on our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations...**

The 2008.2 release of Chemdata has been delayed to ensure that it includes lots of new and updated data including ADR 2009 and the new Emergency Action Code EAC list. We now have over 33,000 substances in Chemdata with over 109,000 synonyms or trade names!

We have added new data such as PSNs, Tunnel Codes and Product Usages and updated the Standard Installation to include European Languages. Chemdata has now been tested under Vista.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for Chemdata were very successful with many of you entering our Prize Draw and picking up Frisbees at The Fire Show and The Emergency Services Show. The winners of the Prize Draw are listed on our website. Thank you to everyone for your support over the last 25 years! We're looking forward to the next 25...

Finally, we are taking bookings for our 2009 Hazmat Event. Book early to ensure your place!!

## Changes to your installation

### **The Standard Installation now includes European Languages!**

From this release we are including Dutch, French, German and Spanish language options in the Standard Chemdata installation. Guidance on how to change the screen language and how to print in different languages can be found in the Help file. If you have previously received the European Language Installation your kit will now be called the Standard Installation but you will still continue to receive all the languages you previously did.

### **Are you using Windows Vista yet?**

If you are, our latest release has been tested under Vista and you may notice that some files, such as your private notes and configuration (.ini) files, are stored in different locations. Please refer to your Installation Instructions for further details.

## Data, data and more data!

**ADR** – ADR 2009 data has been included in this release. As you will be aware ADR 2009 is applicable from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, although there is a transitional period up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**EAC** – NCEC and the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) have reached an agreement for NCEC to publish future EAC lists, starting with the 2009 list which has also been included in this Chemdata release. A new publication containing the revisions to the existing codes will be published early in 2009. A PDF download will be made available via the NCEC website and a hardcopy publication will also be available via TSO (The Stationary Office). Further details on this will be available soon on the NCEC and TSO websites - [www.the-ncec.com](http://www.the-ncec.com) and [www.tso.co.uk](http://www.tso.co.uk).

**ERG and AEGL** – Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distance data from the North American Emergency Response Guide (ERG) 2008 and the latest Acute Exposure Guideline Level (AEGL) values from the US Environmental Protection Agency have also been included in this release. There are now 273 AEGL entries.

**New data** – We thought it would be useful to include the Tunnel Codes and Proper Shipping Names (PSNs) from ADR. Where a substance is classified under an 'N.O.S.' PSN then, where the information is available, we have also included the technical name that should be placed in brackets after the PSN. Finally, where the information is available, we have also included the product usage.

## Pocket Chemdata

### Chemdata on the move!

Pocket Chemdata, which is available for Pocket PC-type (Windows Mobile including WM6) handheld devices, contains the full Chemdata database (excluding EMS information) with most of the functionality of the desktop version. The product has generated a lot of interest from Fire Services, private companies and transport hubs (ports, harbours and airports) with many copies of the database now being used in the field.

Also, many organisations are presently signed up to the 14 day free trial and are telling us how impressed they are with its ease of use and portability - "*Fantastic piece of kit*", to quote one of its users. If you would also like to try out the system, free of charge, complete the request form at: <http://www.the-ncec.com/freetrial-2/> and we will send you a copy of the Pocket Chemdata installation CD.



### Recycling...

Some of you have asked if you can return the old DVD cases from previous versions of Chemata to us.

Like you, we want to do our bit for the environment too. We are, of course, happy to receive old packaging back and we will endeavour to recycle it where possible.

Thank you to those of you who have already started recycling!

### Pocket Chemdata and WM6

We are pleased to report that the display problem on VGA screens running Windows Mobile 6 which meant that the font size was greatly increased is now fixed.

Whilst we test the software on several different systems it is not possible to test every device on the market! If you encounter any other problems please let us know.

### Changes to Printing to PDF

During testing of the latest Chemdata release we have found that Adobe Acrobat version 9 will not allow Chemdata to automatically open a PDF and therefore we have had to disable this feature.

PDFs will still be generated and saved in the folder you specify. To view the PDF you simply need to open the file from Acrobat or any other PDF reader.