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WHICH PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECTED TO THE AEROSOL DIRECTIVE 75/324/EEC?

Aerosols, this means aerosol dispensers, are any non-refillable receptacles made of metal, glass or plastics and containing a gas compressed, liquefied or dissolved under pressure, with or without a liquid, paste or powder, and fitted with a release device allowing the contents to be ejected as solid or liquid particles in suspension in a gas, as a foam, paste or powder or in a liquid state or in a gaseous state.

IS MY AEROSOL PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE CLP REGULATION (EC) NO 1272/2008?

Aerosol products are subjected to the CLP regulation when the product is a chemical product and is not subjected to any exemptions, for example cosmetics or medicinal products. If the product is not subject to the CLP legislation, this does NOT mean that it is exempt from the Aerosol Directive.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE AEROSOL DIRECTIVE 75/324/EEC

The following labelling requirements apply to an aerosol product:

- The name and address of the supplier.
- The symbol certifying conformity with the requirement of the Aerosol Directive, namely the sign “3” (inverted epsilon).
- Code markings enabling the filling batch to be identifier
- The net contents by weight and by volume.
- Any additional operating precautions which alert consumers to the specific dangers of the product; if the aerosol dispenser is accompanied by separate instructions for use, the latter must also reflect such operating precautions.
- Where the aerosol dispenser is a consumer product, the precautionary statement P102 “Keep out of reach of children.” must be indicated.
- The statement: “Contains (value) mass percent of flammable components” in cases where an aerosol contains flammable components but is not classified as “flammable” or “extremely flammable”.
- The labelling elements listed in Table 2.3.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 must be indicated, depending on the flammability of the aerosol:
 - Cat. 1 Extremely flammable
 - Cat. 2 Flammable
 - Cat. 3 Non-flammable

In addition, there are packaging requirements for aerosol products, which are laid down in Aerosol Directive 75/324/EEC.

The Aerosol Dispensers Directive (75/324/EEC) is implemented through national legislation; therefore, additional national legislation may apply and may vary between countries.

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