

Your AsiaHub questions, answered

Your CW + AsiaHub questions answered

Answers to some of the more frequently-asked questions relating to the AsiaHub service

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The Product

What is AsiaHub?

AsiaHub is a specialised information portal providing comprehensive news and resources on chemical regulations and compliance in the Asian region, in cooperation with expert regional partners.

The CW+ branding means three things to our readers:

- extended news coverage alongside our core coverage on Chemical Watch;
- a library of resources needed to support regulatory compliance; and
- the involvement of trusted, expert partners.

How does AsiaHub help your organisation?

AsiaHub is a unique, subscription-based information offering. Developed through extensive consultation with Chemical Watch users. Its benefits include:

- **Extended news coverage:** AsiaHub reports in depth on all chemical regulation updates and risk management developments in Asia. Chemical Watch has a network of journalists and expert partners covering all information channels – including hundreds of non-English websites – and we attend all key meetings to keep you informed.
- **Deeper and broader levels of information:** AsiaHub offers more comprehensive news than our general news service. We commission expert articles to put your compliance efforts in context across Asia.
- **Library of key documents:** We work with expert partners on the ground in Asia to build an accessible library of regulation summaries, translated regulatory texts, guidance documents, standards, lists of chemicals, background policy briefings, expert features, case studies and more. With our news and features, these resources make AsiaHub a one-stop-shop for chemical regulatory information in Asia.
- **Saves time:** AsiaHub scours government and regulatory news and provides you with the important information first, which saves you time and helps you navigate the complex world of Asia chemical regulations. We make sure our content is clearly labelled and easy to find.

- Highlight important dates: we highlight all key dates and deadlines on each country and ensure these are regulatory updated, with the help of our expert partners. These span the field from GHS and annual reporting to notification and registration deadlines.
- **Much more than news and regulatory documents:** each country page holds details of official organisations and service providers, together with relevant events and webinars. We give you access to webinar slides and presentations from events, viewable reports, videos of events and interviews with key industry players. A comment facility allows you to interact with the regulatory community and ask questions of our experts.
- **From a trusted independent publisher:** AsiaHub is brought to you by the globally renowned Chemical Watch. Since 2007, we've kept the global chemical regulatory community informed about global, regional and country developments, providing timely, accurate and in-depth news and features. We value our reputation for independence and objectivity. We are not tied to any one information source and work with a wide range in order to safeguard our neutrality.

What countries does AsiaHub cover?

There are dedicated pages for China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia, supported by a Rest of Asia information channel. We'll soon have dedicated pages for other countries, including ASEAN countries and India.

What content is available?

Our core content is divided into two categories:

- News and features, researched and written by Chemical Watch's independent global network of in-house and freelance journalists and other experts. As well as covering chemical regulatory developments, AsiaHub will include related specialist topics that are not covered in Chemical Watch.
- Regulatory resources, including the full English text of regulations where available, regulation summaries, lists/inventories of chemicals, case studies, expert articles, standards and templates, guidance documents and more. We work with selected partners on sourcing and compiling these documents.

We supplement this with country-specific information on:

- organisations
- service providers
- events and webinars
- and related news from around the web

Will I receive an email news alert?

Yes, we email bi-weekly news alerts to highlight top stories, new resources and provide notification of important changes.

Who are the AsiaHub expert partners?

We work with expert partners in each country to provide country-specific insight, analysis and practical advice. Our partners carefully selected regulatory experts in their region. We hand-pick our experts to make sure they have the expertise and capacity to deliver a continuous stream of value-added content to the hubs.

We currently work with:

- China - **Chemical Inspection and Regulation Service (CIRS)**
- Japan - **Japan Environmental Management Association for Industry (JEMAI)**
- South Korea - **Korea Testing & Research Institute (KTR)**
- Taiwan - **Chemical Inspection and Regulation Service (CIRS)**
- Thailand - **Dr Knoell Consult (Knoell)**

And we are working to enlist new partners to develop pages for other Asian countries.

We also work with other country-experts to ensure AsiaHub provides full and rounded information for its users.

Is AsiaHub independent from the partners?

Yes. There are no financial ties between Chemical Watch and its Hub partners. But we recognise that by collaborating with partners who are involved on a daily, first-hand basis with regulations specific to their region, we can bring you the very latest news and developments. We are transparent about the partners we work with.

What makes AsiaHub news different from Chemical Watch news?

Chemical Watch is a global regulatory news service. AsiaHub takes this coverage deeper for each country and for the region as a whole.

Chemical Watch news and our monthly Global Business Briefing define who we are. We continue to invest in this core service to ensure it remains the global must-read that it is now, including news on the main developments in Asia.

We launched AsiaHub in 2013 as feedback from our readers indicated demand for a dedicated space to investigate and report on the detail of developments in Asia. We created a separate product, which is available in addition to the core news service, to form new relationships with experts in the field, deliver premium content, more in-depth news and host a wide variety of resources specific to the region.

To deliver our enhanced AsiaHub service, we invested in more journalists and regulatory analysts to get to know government officials, attend events, make contact with industry bodies and NGOs in the region to provide a 360-degree context for regulatory developments that we know is vital to certain readers' product-to-market decision-making.

Over three years after its launch, AsiaHub has resulted in more Asian news feeding back into Chemical Watch – filtered to provide the highlights expected by Chemical Watch's core readership.

Why are Asian chemical regulations important, and how can AsiaHub help?

A growing number of countries in the Asian region are developing and implementing regulations to manage chemicals safely. Keeping up with the latest requirements - whether they relate to Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals, or requirements to notify or register new or existing substances - is critical for any company to maintain compliance. CW+ AsiaHub provides its subscribers with all the latest developments in the region, combined with key resources that provide a complete package of information for all those doing business in the region.

Trial and subscription information

How much will a standard subscription to AsiaHub cost?

A standard subscription (1-5 users) to AsiaHub is available 'standalone' or as an add-on to your existing subscription to one of our other products: Chemical Watch, Chemical Risk Manager and BiocidesHub. Corporate subscriptions are also available. Contact us for pricing at: sales@chemicalwatch.com or +44 (0)1743 818 292.

Will you offer a free trial?

Yes, we offer a 14-day free trial which allows you to view sample content and receive our AsiaHub news alert. If you want to see the product in full, we can arrange an online demonstration or provide you with full access to AsiaHub for a short while.

Why isn't AsiaHub included in a Chemical Watch subscription?

AsiaHub offers extended content, with more news and features and a detailed, accessible, library of regulatory documents. We will continue to provide more coverage through this product, in conjunction with our partners, adding exciting features and additional pages over time. One important addition are translations, free for AsiaHub subscribers.

We maintain two products, Chemical Watch and AsiaHub as we recognise that, while many of our readers want more information on Asia, others' priorities lie elsewhere. The logical step is to create separate, stand-alone products. By offering a specialised service we can provide you with focused regional news.