

Medium and long chain alkyl sulfates – PROPOSED SCHEDULING DECISION

For incorporation in the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Instrument 2022

Schedule 3 – Relevant industrial chemicals that have the potential to cause harm to the environment

The risk management measures apply to the relevant industrial chemicals and mixtures containing such chemicals.

This proposed scheduling decision is based on information presented in the Australian Industrial Chemical Introduction Scheme (AICIS) Evaluation Statement.

Please note that this decision applies only to chemicals with industrial uses. Other chemical applications, such as for veterinary or medicinal uses, are outside the scope of the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS) and are managed under separate regulatory frameworks.

Definitions for terms contained in this decision may be found in the <u>Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Act 2021</u>, the <u>Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Instrument 2022</u>, the <u>Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Principles 2022</u>, or in the <u>Glossary of IChEMS terms</u>.

Relevant industrial chemical	Comments to support public consultation
Chemical class name: Medium and long chain alkyl sulfates	The chemical class name, CAS RN list and scope align with the AICIS evaluation, except for lauryl sulfate (CAS RN 151-41-7) which is already scheduled in the Lauryl (dodecyl) sulfates Standard . The
CAS Numbers: 139-96-8; 142-31-4; 142-87-0; 143-00-	chemicals are a group of structurally similar, medium to long chain (C ₆ -C ₂₀) alkyl sulfates and alkyl
0; 143-02-2; 143-03-3; 1120-01-0; 1120-04-3; 1191-	sulfuric acids.
50-0; 2207-98-9; 3026-63-9; 4492-78-8; 4696-46-2;	
4696-47-3; 4722-98-9; 13177-49-6; 13177-52-1;	
21142-28-9; 25446-91-7; 26856-96-2; 30862-34-1;	
39943-70-9; 51541-51-6; 65104-49-6; 66161-60-2;	
68081-96-9; 68081-97-0; 68130-43-8; 68187-17-7;	
68299-17-2; 68585-44-4; 68585-47-7; 68815-25-8;	
68890-70-0; 68908-44-1; 68910-01-0; 68955-19-1;	
68955-20-4; 72906-11-7; 73296-89-6; 84501-49-5;	

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$85252\text{-}21\text{-}7; 85586\text{-}07\text{-}8; 85586\text{-}38\text{-}5; 85665\text{-}45\text{-}8; \\ 85681\text{-}66\text{-}9; 90583\text{-}10\text{-}1; 90583\text{-}13\text{-}4; 90583\text{-}16\text{-}7; \\ 90583\text{-}18\text{-}9; 90583\text{-}22\text{-}5; 90583\text{-}23\text{-}6; 90583\text{-}25\text{-}8; \\ 97375\text{-}27\text{-}4.$ This class of chemicals are a group of structurally similar, medium to long chain ($C_6 - C_{20}$) alkyl sulfates and alkyl sulfuric acids.	
End uses or generalised end uses	Comments to support public consultation
 (a) adhesive and sealant products; (b) anti-freeze and de-icing products; (c) automotive care products; (d) cleaning and furniture care products; (e) fabric, textile and leather products; (f) fire-extinguishing products; (g) ink, toner and colourant products; (h) laundry and dishwashing products; (i) paint and coating products; (j) personal care products; (k) photographic products; (l) plastic and polymer products. 	The chemicals are used in high volumes in Australia as anionic surfactants in various domestic and commercial products. The end uses in the AICIS evaluation have been generalised here for brevity.
Risk management measures	Comments to support public consultation
(a) This entry comes into effect 1 July 2026.	The commencement date is 6 months after the planned addition to the IChEMS Register.

(b) The class of chemicals (whether on their own or in mixtures) must be managed according to the IChEMS Minimum Standards.

<u>Available online</u>. As agreed on 4 November 2022 by Commonwealth, State and Territory environmental regulators.

STANDARD 1 – INFORMATION AND AWARENESS

Obtain, share, and use information on the environmental risks of industrial chemicals to ensure that any persons handling the chemical throughout the supply chain are aware of these risks, and enabled to undertake activities using industrial chemicals in an environmentally safe manner.

For introducers (importers and manufacturers) and reformulators, this includes a requirement to develop and provide information to the supply chain about the environmental risks of the industrial chemical, when used for the purpose for which it was manufactured.

STANDARD 2 – RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Identify risks and develop, assess, evaluate and monitor control measures.

STANDARD 3 – HARM MINIMISATION CONTROLS

Apply practicable control measures to eliminate risks, then reduce risks that cannot be eliminated, then manage residual risks using best available techniques and best environmental practices.

STANDARD 4 – ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE STORAGE

Store and contain industrial chemicals in an environmentally safe manner.

STANDARD 5 – EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS

Plan for and respond effectively and promptly to industrial chemical incidents.

STANDARD 6 – ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Implement waste management for industrial chemicals in an environmentally safe manner in line with the waste hierarchy and local requirements.