



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE APRIL NEWSLETTER – A QUICK EDITORIAL.

I hope everyone had a good Easter and enjoyed the break. It's back to business as usual and this month we have some information on REACH, Housemaster products and statistics on rates of MRSA & C.difficile.

UPDATE ON REGULATORY / LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: Kitchenmaster is classed as a downstream user under the REACH legislation. Therefore, our responsibility is to ensure that the products we use to make our formulations contain chemicals that have been registered within the REACH programme. It is the responsibility of our suppliers' supplier to register the chemicals and we have to ensure they send us confirmation of this. As a responsible purchaser of raw materials we have sought confirmation from all our suppliers to ensure they have carried out their obligations therefore all raw materials we use for our formulations are covered under REACH. The other responsibility we have as a downstream user is to supply all our customers with an up to date safety data sheet, which we already do.

When and how you have to comply with REACH depends on your status within the supply chain. To view a REACH register timeline please refer to Appendix 1 at the end of the newsletter.

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS:

- This year's ISSA / INTERCLEAN Amsterdam is only 2 weeks away! It is taking place on 26th-29th April 2010. Kitchenmaster can confirm that we are attending the show. If there is anyone travelling alone or you would like to join us please get in contact.
- The Health & Safety Executive NI in association with Invest NI are hosting an event on 20.04.10 to raise awareness of Chemical Regulation – this is essentially how businesses meet their obligations in respect of protection of workers, users of their products, and the environment. Compliance is a very complex area. The seminar will involve an overview of GHS/REACH, COSHH and regulation in practice. Kitchenmaster will be attending so I will let you know how we get on in next months newsletter.
- IFEX took place from 23rd-25th March, King's Hall Belfast. IFEX is Ireland's largest International Food, Drink, Hospitality & Retail Exhibition. Kitchenmaster attended the show and was pleased to see a large number of exhibitors with plenty of visitors keeping them busy.



F.A.Q's – Housekeeping Products

Q.1 What products are included in the 'Housemaster' range of products?

A.1 The Housemaster range includes 7 'ready to use' trigger sprays in the pack size 6x750ml. The range includes 102 – Bacti Multi Surface Cleaner, 104 – Glass & Stainless Steel Cleaner, 105 – Furniture Polish, 106 – Air Freshener, 107 – Bath & Tile Cleaner, 108 – Odour Sorb and 109 – Bacti Vir.

Q.2 What is the difference between the Air Freshener and Odour Sorb?

A.2 Kitchenmaster 106 is an air freshener with a pleasant citrus fragrance. It effectively removes bad odours and freshens rooms. Odour Sorb on the other hand is an odour eater with no fragrance. It attacks the odour producing bacteria and eliminates bad smells without masking the smell. Odour Sorb can also be used on fabrics such as clothes and furnishings etc.

Q.3 What is Bacti Vir?

A.3 Bacti Vir is a multi purpose cleaner & disinfectant that kills viruses and bacteria (the specification sheet contains the full listing). The product has been EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) registered which means it is recognised by the health sector. It is very versatile and has a wide range of applications i.e. it can be used to clean and sanitise floors, walls, bathrooms, kitchen surfaces, sinks, cooker tops etc. It is also an effective deodoriser as it kills the odour producing bacteria therefore eliminating the source of the smell.

Q.4 Is the Bath & Tile Cleaner 107 effective against moulds and mildews?

A.4 Yes 107 has been formulated to effectively cut through moulds, mildews, grease and grime. It even removes stubborn soils found in washrooms such as soap scum and body fats.

AND FINALLY...The Health Protection Agency's quarterly epidemiological commentary on trends of MRSA bloodstream infections and C. difficile infections from October 2007 to December 2009 has show marked decreases in both. Overall there has been a 59% decrease in the number of MRSA episodes reported during the surveillance period in England, from 1092 cases in Q4/2007 (October to December) to 444 cases during the same time period in 2009.

Among trust-apportioned episodes - patients presumed to have been infected while admitted to the trust - there has been a 64% decrease since Q4/2007 (October to December), from 654 episodes to 237 episodes in the same period in 2009. In comparison with the previous quarter (Q3 - July to

September 2009) there has been no significant change. The number of non-trust apportioned episodes ('all other episodes') has decreased by 53% from 438 episodes in Q4/2007 to 207 episodes in Q4/2009. There has also been an 8% decrease since the previous quarter (Q3/2009), when 226 episodes were reported. The proportion of MRSA cases among the different age groups remains unchanged with 48% of cases being seen in the 75 and older age group

The incidence of trust-apportioned and all other episodes of *Clostridium difficile* infection have decreased between Q4/2007 (October to December) and the same period in 2009. Between Q4/2007 and Q4/2009, there has been a 58% decrease in the counts of trust-apportioned episodes and a 41% decrease in the number of all other episodes. The rates of infection with *Clostridium difficile* across all age groups remain constant over time in relation to each other. The older age groups continue to have the highest risk of infection, with cases in males and females aged 85 years and above nearly double those for 75 to 84 year olds.

APPENDIX 1

REACH REGISTER TIMELINE

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| 1 st June 2007 | REACH came in to force |
| 1 June 2008 | Pre-registration for existing ('phase-in') substances starts Registration for new ('non phase-in') substances starts |
| 30 November 2008 | Pre-registration for 'phase-in' substances ends |
| 1 December 2008 | Registration for existing substances (that have not been pre-registered) starts |
| 1 January 2009 | List of pre-registered substances published and SIEF's (Substance Information Exchange Fora) are formed |
| 1 June 2009 | First recommendation of priority substances to be considered for authorisation published by ECHA |
| 1 December 2010 PHASE 1 | By this date the following pre-registered 'phase-in' substances should have been registered when supplied at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \geq 1000 tonnes per annum (tpa) or; • \geq 100 tpa and classified under CHIP as very toxic to aquatic organisms or; • \geq 1 tpa and classified under CHIP as Cat 1 or 2 carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxicants |
| 1 June 2013 PHASE 2 | Deadline for registration of substances supplied at \geq 100 tpa |
| 1 June 2018 PHASE 3 | Deadline for registration of substances supplied at \geq 1 tpa |