

Special Rules with Regard to Labelling of Metals and Alloys

Metals in massive form or alloys are like other substances or preparations classified or to be classified as hazardous. However, in case these products do not present a danger to human health by inhalation, ingestion or contact with the skin or to the aquatic environment in the form in which they are placed on the market, a label is not required according to Annex VI no. 8.3 or 9.3 to Directive 67/548/EEC. However, all the information which would have appeared on the label shall be transmitted to the professional user by means of a safety data sheet.

As for soldering pastes containing lead: They have to be classified reprotoxic and harmful. But if their uptake in the human body is excluded and if they do not present a danger for water bodies, no label is necessary. However the contents of the label must be mentioned in the safety data sheet. In case of an alloy (which has to be considered as a preparation) items to be listed are:

- trade name or designation
 - certain hazardous substances present in the preparation
 - symbols and indications of danger
 - R-phrases
 - S-phrases
- as well as name, full address and telephone number of the person responsible for placing on the market (manufacturer, importer or distributor).

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