

THE EUROPEAN SOLVENTS INDUSTRY

The solvents industry directly employs more than



10,000 PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT EUROPE

European solvents manufacturers have an estimated combined turnover of...



More than **500,000** companies, ranging from pharmaceutical to agrochemical and paint producers, are solvent users...

...these companies have a combined turnover of **€300bn...**

and employ more than **10million people**



The European solvents industry is committed to meeting the **highest safety standards** and **environmental protection...**



..it spends more than **€20m p/a** on research and development

MEMBER BENEFITS

MEMBERS OF THE SIA ARE ABLE TO:

- Contribute to one of the United Kingdom's most vital industries
- Raise standards in Health, Safety and Environment
- Participate in the development of industry-leading Guidance Notes and best practice
- Gain direct access to technical advice and support from industry experts
- Learn more about developments within the solvents industry on a UK, European and global level
- Attend training courses and seminars
- Network with industry peers
- Play a part in shaping the future of the solvents industry

Being a member of the SIA means that your voice will be heard.

The SIA was recently selected as **RoSPA's SME Assistance Trophy winner:**

"in recognition of its complete range of information and advisory services for members, and its good approach to promoting awareness of current issues in health and safety"

- David Rawlins, Awards Manager RoSPA

If you would like to become a member, or would like to learn more about the Association, contact Andrew Norman, General Secretary, for more details:

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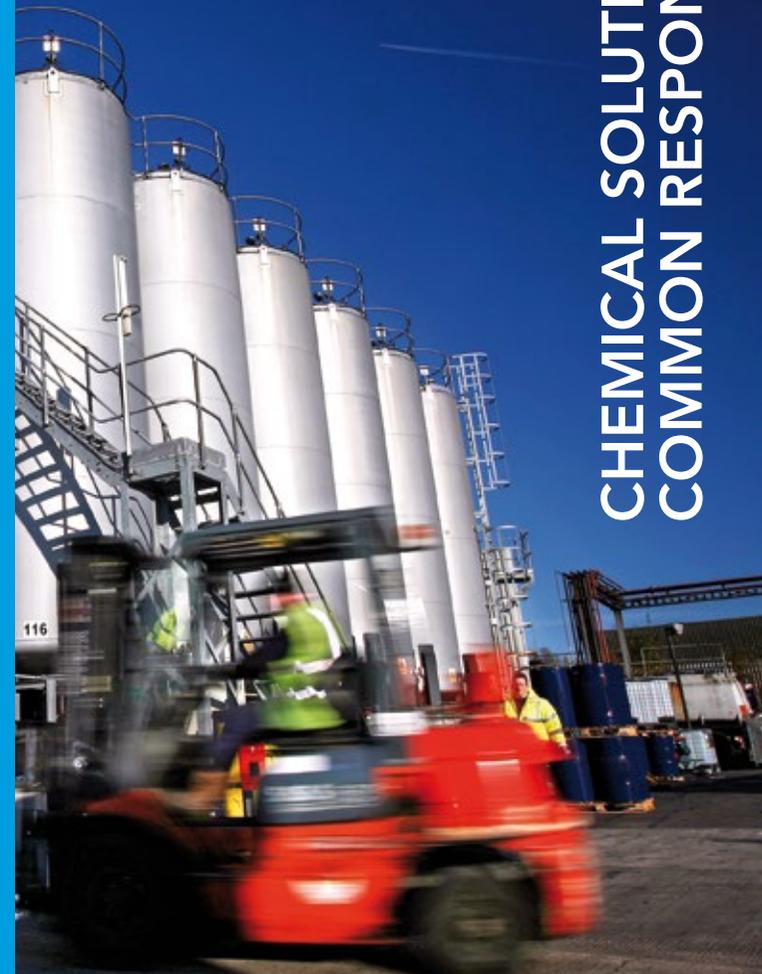
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Solvents Industry Association



**CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS,
COMMON RESPONSIBILITY**

The Solvents Industry Association (SIA) is a trade association which represents the UK solvents industry, promoting the safe and responsible use of this vital group of products.

All members of the Association contribute to one of the United Kingdom's major industries. Established in 1973, the SIA is the only voice representing stakeholders involved in the manufacture, storage and distribution of solvents in the UK and is a unique organisation whose membership includes, but is not limited to, global petrochemical producers, logistics providers, packaging suppliers, solvent distributors and other companies associated with the safe handling of solvents.

Our membership covers the complete supply chain, which gives the SIA a unique perspective on all issues affecting the solvent industry.

WHAT ARE SOLVENTS?

Solvents are key to modern life today.

They are integral to the food we eat, the transport we use, the pharmaceuticals that keep us healthy, the clothes we wear and much more.

The SIA exists to promote best practice and improve standards throughout the supply chain. We need solvents but we need to use them wisely and safely.

WHAT DO WE DO?

THERE ARE THREE CORNERSTONES TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SIA:

Product Stewardship

The SIA encourages best practice, principally through the publication of a series of Guidance Notes which cover all matters related to health, safety and the environment.

The SIA believes in the principles of Product Stewardship, which it promotes through these Guidance Notes. They are published and regularly monitored by members of the Association's Technical Committee. This is an industry-leading body of experts with extensive knowledge of the full range of solvents.

Lobbying and Industry Representation

Legislation does not stand still.

The SIA is therefore in regular consultation with and advises regulatory bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the Environment Agency (EA) and other United Kingdom government bodies.

Positive results to have come from these processes include the adoption of the SIA Guidance Note on the safe use of Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC) by the HSE as their industry standard. Recognising the global aspect of the solvents industry, the SIA also has close contact with European legislators through its links with the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG). This enables it to keep abreast of and influence international industry trends and developments.

Communication

As well as the Guidance Notes, the SIA has produced award-winning training films on safety and best practice in the solvents industry, designed for all companies and their employees who use solvents, irrespective of their size and geographical location. The success and importance of these projects has been demonstrated by the fact that over 5,000 training films have been distributed in the UK and a further 10,000 in five different languages across Europe and beyond. Copies of these films are available to SIA members free of charge.

Consistent with its aim of improving common standards across the industry, the SIA has launched an 'Introduction to Solvents' course which covers a variety of topics from solvent uses to all aspects of safe handling. Such has been the impact of the course, it has now been adopted by ESIG, the Association's European partner. Training is an integral part of any solvents education programme, and the course reinforces the SIA's support for Responsible Care® and Product Stewardship.

Industry liaison is a further benefit offered by the SIA as it provides a forum for all members to share and resolve issues to the common benefit of both the industry and society in general. Each year a wide range of experts from across the chemical industry are invited to address members at its Annual General Meeting. Topics covered have included trends in solvent packaging, industry-relevant security issues and REACH.

