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Welcome to the SIA Spring 2026 News



Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the Spring 2026 newsletter from the Solvents Industry Association. This comes just a few weeks after our very enjoyable and successful SIA Spring Dinner and just over six months since I took over the role as SIA Chair.

I don't need to point out that it has been quite an eventful period for all of us in the sector. Like many businesses, I see the day-to-day challenges that recent world events have placed on us. We continue to work with our customers and our suppliers and at the SIA to find the best way forward and that includes many other SIA members. Tough times are a reminder that relationships matter, professional and sometimes that strays into the personal.

At the Spring Dinner, I nominated a charity - 2Wish - that was particularly resonant to me as a close colleague lost her son. The support that 2Wish continues to offer, I know makes a big difference to her. I was so proud of all the members in raising so much money - £3200 - which Bill assures me is a record amount. Thank you again.

There is more on the dinner below and I agree it turned out to be ironic to have chosen a military theme for a venue during a war that affects so many of us so deeply. We didn't know that would happen when Bill and I visited the museum in the autumn and chose it for our venue, in what was our first collaboration as new SIA Chair and Chief Executive. The next big test for our building relationship is the SIA AGM on the 15th October.

Our aim is to once again put on event that brings the membership together, to work together and to enjoy each other's company, whether in good times or bad. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Cottrell , Divisional Manager
Purfleet Tennants Distribution Ltd
SIA Chair 2025 – 2027

Working behind the Scenes

The mission statement of the SIA is to "promote the safe, sustainable and responsible use of chemical solvents and to ensure that the regulatory framework relevant to the manufacture, storage, distribution and their use is based on sound science and best practice."

Most of this effort comes from the work of the SIA Technical Committee. It is sometimes said to be the engine of the Solvents Industry Association. It brings together the technical experts from across the industry to work collaboratively on projects to improve safety within the industry. The SIA also works with our European colleagues in the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) in delivering on these projects. The release of the Safety Films in late 2025 is one such example.

On 12th March the SIA Board and the Technical Committee held a joint meeting in London. This was a very busy and packed meeting (over 30 people in the room) structured around a very full but productive agenda. It is true to say that there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes at the SIA and a large range of topics discussed and addressed on behalf of the members.

These include updates on REACH (UK and EU), the classification of n-hexane as a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) in the EU and the discussion of ethanol at the European Biocides Committee. There were also updates on PFAS and SIA activities being planned. Rob Oades also gave an update on the work of ESIG.

A forthcoming joint project between the SIA and ESIG is the production of a new safety video on Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC). Filming is now scheduled to take place in June of this year at a site in Harwich.

The legislative topics often lead to deep discussions and this occasion proved to be no exception! Not least in trying to interpret various recent announcements and to predict their impacts.



On that topic, the Chief Executive Bill Atkinson gave a report on his communications with Government departments and regulators and the liaison activities that the SIA has undertaken with other Trade Associations within the chemical industry. These include working on draft responses to consultations and making representations to Ministers.

As stated, the mission of SIA is very much about improving safety and promoting this. Bill in his report also gave an update (and a pep talk!) about the need to share and understand anonymised data on the cause of safety incidents. These include "near misses" that may not result in an injury or loss of product but from which we can still learn valuable lessons. There is much more work to be done on this.



There are tangible meeting outputs – benefitting the members and the industry in general and can include industry-leading Guidance Notes, Best Practice and Training Videos. You can find all these on the SIA website. www.solvents.org.uk

The focussed and expert technical advice and support from fellow industry professionals is commonly cited as one of the main reasons why members value their membership of the SIA. It is a chance to learn and develop from others as well as offering insights yourself. We answer member questions using our own and other member expertise.



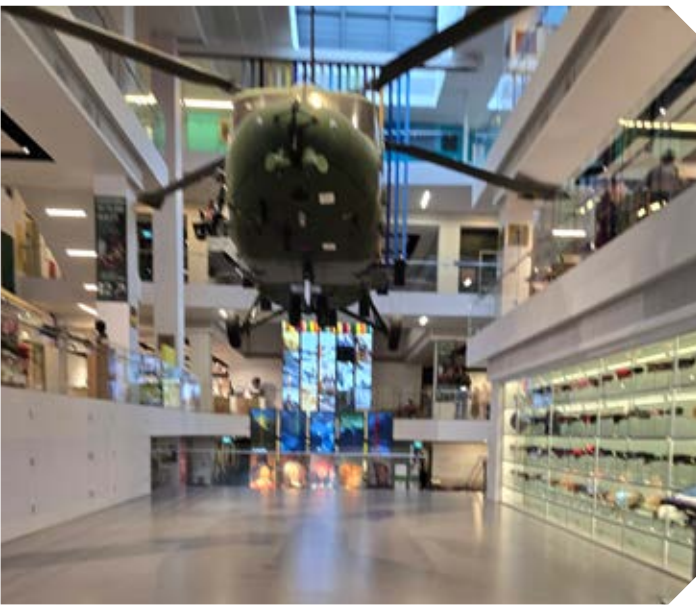
Spring Dinner 2026 12 March - National Army Museum

The SIA held its Spring Event at the National Army Museum, in London on 12th March. The event was attended by 78 members and guests. The venue is situated next to the famous Chelsea barracks, the grounds of which are used to host the annual Chelsea Flower Show.

The venue worked brilliantly, as evidenced by the feedback we received on the night and subsequently. I know that many of you did manage to visit the exhibits but the space allowed for us to mingle and chat, hugely important for what is one of the main networking opportunities for SIA members.

This event could not have happened while keeping the ticket price down if it wasn't for our sponsors. So a big thank you to MannTek who sponsored the dinner and to ELAFLEX LTD, who sponsored the drinks event. Both are very active and supportive members of the SIA and we are very grateful for this support.

There was perhaps a certain irony at meeting at a military museum during a war. As one unnamed visitor put it "I feel safe here!". Although we think that the military hardware had certainly seen better days... so may not have been much use



now in a conflict. But the building itself was robust and situated in Chelsea, West London, thankfully very far away from current war zones. We should give thanks for this.

Speaking of thanks, lots are due. Firstly to all who helped raise £3200, a record amount at this event for the chosen charity - 2Wish. We know that that the money donated by SIA members is already being put to good use. It is a charity that we hope none of us will ever need, but you never know what life can throw at you.



We were able to raise so much money due to the high number of cash donations collected on the night and the additional amounts pledged by COUNT Distribution (who are new members of the SIA) as well as Elaflex and Hoyer UK.

This included bids for SIA Chief Executive, Bill Atkinson, to spend a day on site at Hoyer and COUNT, to deliver training or audits. Elaflex also donated (for the raffle) a prize of lunch for 2 at a Gordon Ramsey restaurant.



TOP: Dave Ratcliffe, Dawn James and David Grantham of Elaflex pictured with SIA Chair Mark Cottrell (left) and Bill Atkinson (centre) who is holding the raffle prize presented by Elaflex.

BOTTOM: Nev Parameswaran, Luke Tiani and Ibrahim Farooqi of COUNT Distribution



2Wish was chosen as the SIA charity by SIA Chair Mark Cottrell, who explained that sadly one of his colleagues lost her teenage son very suddenly and in circumstances that made the loss even more difficult. 2Wish continue to be an invaluable support to her in her time of need.

Zoe Wakefield, the Immediate Support Coordinator for 2Wish, who was able to attend the dinner and speak about the work of the charity, wished to pass on her thanks to the SIA members.

“Thank you so much to everyone at the SIA for your generosity at the recent dinner. 2wish supports anyone affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person up to 25. £3200 is a fantastic amount of money and this will enable us to continue supporting families at the worst moment of their lives, being there for them when their grief is overwhelming and staying with them during the incredibly difficult weeks and months ahead. We are incredibly grateful for your support”.

<https://2wish.org.uk/>

Spring Dinner photo Round Up



Christopher Hayman, SIA Chair Mark Cottrell and Zoe Wakefield



Caption competition.
Entries suggesting “SIA Members tanked up” will be disqualified!





Who said this SIA Chief Executive job will never take off for Bill?!

New Members

It has been a great few months for new member companies joining the Association - take a look! Welcome to the SIA!

COUNT

DISTRIBUTION

COUNT Distribution - a worldwide supplier of chemicals products has joined our community.

Ibrahim Farooqi, Commercial Director of COUNT Distribution said "COUNT are pleased to join the Solvents Industry Association and support the important role it plays in representing and strengthening the solvents sector. The Association provides a valuable platform for collaboration, responsible stewardship, and industry dialogue.

We look forward to contributing our market perspective while also

supporting initiatives that help develop and attract the next generation of talent into the industry."

The company also joined in time for Luke Tiani to attend the Technical Committee meeting and it was great to meet them at our Spring Dinner. To get the chance to meet them in person already is a fantastic bonus.

Find out more about COUNT Distribution here: <https://www.countgroup.com/>



Element Materials Technology has joined as an Associate Member and the company is a global provider of lab-based testing, inspection and certification services with over 100 years of testing experience. Element offers industry-leading testing services, including product testing services and materials testing services.

Element Materials Technology say that have joined the Solvents Industry Association to actively engage with the sector, recognising the tangible value of membership in strengthening collaboration with industry partners, staying aligned with emerging regulatory and technical developments and supporting the safe and sustainable use of solvents across the industry.

Business Development Director Wendy Martindale said "SIA membership is a natural extension of our long-standing testing expertise across both our environmental and emissions services, and a practical way to contribute our technical insight while continually raising standards across the sector. We look forward to getting to know the members better and how we might be able to help with complex testing solutions!"

You can find out more about the services provided by Element Materials Technology by visiting <https://www.element.com/>



XACTX Group supports clients globally across multiple sectors, specialising in risk management, DSEAR and ATEX compliance, hazardous area classification, high-hazard operations, fire strategy and fire risk assessments, emergency response, training, and ISO management system accreditations. The company helps organisations meet their legal obligations and manage operational risk with confidence in complex and safety-critical environments.

Rhodri Morgan and Craig Nutty, Directors of XACTX Group, said "We are very pleased to have been welcomed as an Associate Member of the SIA. We are particularly looking forward to the breadth of engagement, from technical committees and guidance development to networking, regulatory dialogue, and knowledge-sharing, which aligns perfectly with our ethos as a business. Joining the SIA feels like a natural and valuable next step for us."

To learn more about the services provided by XACTX Group, please visit <https://xactxgroup.com/>.



Sandfield Penstock Solutions (SPS) brings over 60 years of expertise in helping businesses and engineers tackle the risks of spills, floods and pollution events, without the disruption or expense of traditional methods. They have a range of products and solutions designed to make compliance easier and prevention more effective.

SPS are major contributors to developing the essential industry guide CIRIA C736 and are currently working on its update, so understand the importance of preventing pollution incidents, whether designing a new site or managing ongoing operations. David Cole, the Technical Director of SPS said, "We wanted to join the Solvents Industry Association to be able to specifically contribute to the work of the Technical Committee, having already worked with a number of its members. We very much look forward to working with the SIA to promote better pollution prevention".

Want to learn more about Sandfield Penstock Solutions? <https://penstocksolutions.co.uk/>

Keeping you in the Loop – Chief Executive’s Update

As a member company we aim to regularly drop into your email inbox an update written by our Chief Executive. This is intended to be a (mainly) serious but also important update, discussing items of news and politics, the state of the sector, summarising important reports, safety share and of course updates on the SIA.

It is designed to be easy to read with takeaway points for larger pieces. Below are headlines from one of our recent Updates. This is a MEMBER ONLY digest – succinctly delivered straight to you!

- STOP PRESS: Something of Very High Concern
- SIA Out and About
- UK/European future alignment to be ‘on song’ not ‘in contest’?
- Another death from “chroming”
- Managing drug and alcohol misuse in the workplace
- Buncefield 20 years on
- A darned site better consultation
- Spring Dinner.



There is obviously a lot happening in the world at the moment that is affecting the sector as well as a number of regulatory updates that were already happening. These are among the topics discussed so if you would like to be added to the mailing list for this update - then please get in touch with us.

CHEMUK 2026

20th & 21st May

Hall 5, NEC, Birmingham, UK

Good to see you all at **CHEMUKEXPO 2026**

Previous visitors to ChemUK will be aware that the SIA has long been a trusted partner for the event organisers, and this continues to be the case. The SIA exhibited as well as organising a panel session and participating in 2 others.

It was great that you joined us on 20 and 21 May at the NEC and came along to the SIA Stand at J162 to say “hello” – and if you are now interested in joining the Association, have a chat with our Chief Executive **Bill Atkinson**. We are always happy to catch up over a coffee!

The 3 speaking sessions for the SIA at the event were as follows:

1. Panel Session:

Wednesday 20 May at 13.00 hrs. Stage 1.

Beyond Invest 2035:

What the UK Industrial Strategy Must Deliver for Chemicals

Our Chief Executive Bill Atkinson participated in this panel session which is structured around “The Five Core Priorities for a Foundational Industry”, covering:

- Sector recognition – understanding that chemicals make products
- From Kilowatts to Chemicals: Creating an Affordable Energy System for the Whole Value Chain



- Regulatory certainty - UK REACH and administrative burden
- Skills & people - future-aligned pipelines
- Bridging the Net Zero Gap: Technology, Infrastructure & Collaboration Across the Chemicals Value Chain

Panellists included:

- Lorna Williams, CEO - Adhesives & Sealants Association for UK and Ireland (BASA)
- Tom Bowtell, Chief Executive Officer - British Coatings Federation (BCF)
- Tim Doggett, Chief Executive Officer - Chemical Business Association (CBA)
- Bill Atkinson - Chief Executive - Solvents Industry Association (SIA)
- David Wright, Director General - United Kingdom Lubricants Association (UKLA)
- Nishma Patel, Policy Director - Chemical Industries Association (CIA)
- Patrick Heskins, Chief Executive - British Aerosol Manufacturers’ Association (BAMA)

Session moderator: Dr. Martin Stimpson - BASA

This was a not to be missed session!

2. Panel Session:

Wednesday 20 May at 15.00 hrs. Stage 1.

Reducing Your Regulatory Burden

Navigating the ever-shifting regulatory landscape is one of the chemical industry's biggest challenges, and this panel brings together some of its sharpest minds to help you do it better.

Chaired by Caroline Raine of Caroline Raine Chemical Consultancy Limited, this session will explore the ongoing debate around divergence, convergence, and closer alignment with the EU on CLP and chemical classifications. With post-Brexit regulatory frameworks continuing to evolve, understanding where the UK is headed and how to stay ahead has never been more important.

Craig Thomason (DEKRA) will examine standards and the practicalities of aligning with the EU, while the wider panel will dig into what regulatory change really means for your business operations, compliance strategies, and day-to-day workload.

Joining the discussion are Bill Atkinson (Solvents Industry Association), Eleanor Grimes (Lisam), and Elaine McGavin (Chemical Business Association) bringing a rich mix of industry, technical, and trade association perspectives to the table.

Whether you're a regulatory professional, a business owner, or simply trying to keep pace with compliance demands, this session offers practical insight and real-world experience to help lighten the load.

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/chemukexpo/>



3. Panel Session:

Thursday 21 May at 10.00 hrs. Stage 3.

Safe and Solvent: Risks, Regulation, and Resilience in the European Solvents Industry (Hosted by the Solvents Industry Association)

The solvents sector is operating in one of the most challenging environments it has faced in decades. Global instability, rising energy costs, supply chain disruption, and an increasingly complex regulatory landscape all place pressure on companies striving to remain competitive, compliant, and sustainable. Yet despite these headwinds, the industry continues to adapt, innovate, and uphold its commitment to safety and responsible chemical management.

This panel brings together expertise from across the industry to explore how the UK and European solvents industries are responding to these pressures while maintaining operational resilience. Through real-world examples and practical insights, the panel will highlight how companies are balancing regulatory demands, market volatility, and sustainability expectations - and what it truly takes to stay both safe and solvent.

What attendees can expect from the session:

- An overview of the solvents sector and how this has evolved
- External factors affecting the industry
- Responding to events and adapting
- The importance of safety in sustainability
- Offering relevant case studies examples
- Opportunities to ask questions

The panellists for this session were:

Richard Adams, Senior Chemical Regulatory Consultant, H2 Compliance

Richard Ellis, Business Development Manager, EXSOLUTIONS

Sean Makin, Regional Sales Manager, Newson-Gale

Karl Shone, Technical Development Manager, Brenntag Essentials EMEA North

Bill Atkinson, Chief Executive SIA





SURFEX 2026 -
<https://www.surfex.co.uk/>



The SIA will be hosting a panel session at SURFEX - UK Exhibition and Conference as follows:

9 June - 14.00

Remaining Solvent? Emerging Risks, Regulations, and Real-World Solutions in the European Solvents Sector
Bill Atkinson (SIA), Karl Shone (Brenntag) and Sean Makin of Newson-Gale.

The session will focus on a discussion on how companies in the solvents sector are trying to navigate an increasingly challenging environment, with over-capacity, increasing regulation and energy costs in Europe. It remains vital to operate safely and sustainably, to mitigate those risks and pressures, working with regulators to ensure safety but avoiding unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Companies must stay ahead of evolving and diverging regulations governing storage, transport, exposure limits, and environmental protection. This session will examine practical strategies for meeting safety challenges, implementing compliant handling and containment practices, and adopting innovative technologies that reduce operational risk. Through real-world case studies and expert perspectives, the panel

will highlight how industry leaders are aiming to meet their challenges.

What attendees can expect from the session:

- An overview of the solvents sector and how this has evolved
- Emerging issues affecting the viability of the sector
- Signposting of resources such as the recently released safety film(s) and good practice guidance documents
- The importance of providing safety guidance across the sector
- Dealing with supply chain and security risks
- Divergence of regulation – how this is affecting the sector
- Following case studies examples
- Opportunities to ask questions

Find out more: <https://www.surfex.co.uk/seminar/remaining-solvent-emerging-risks-regulations-and-real-world-solutions-in-the-european-solvents-sector/>

There is also a recording of Bill talking about Surfex and the SIA here. <https://youtu.be/9Dx8cvWKpCY>

Out and About

In March Chief Executive Bill Atkinson attended the Parliamentary reception to help celebrate World Coatings Week.

Thank you to **Tom Bowtell, David Park** and the rest of the **British Coatings Federation** team for the invitation – coatings all need solvents..... It was a great opportunity to catch up with other Trade Associations and contacts to discuss recent "events".

It is important that the SIA continues to work with other chemical industry Trade Associations to make sure the views of the chemical industry are heard by Government and regulators.



Update on Sector Collaboration Activities

Alliance of Chemical Associations (ACA)

- Meeting in London 20th March
- SIA provided briefings on n-hexane SVHC and PFAS

Chemical and Downstream Oil Industries Forum (CDOIF)

- Meeting on 15th January
- HSE has offering solvent users more guidance and training regarding respiratory sensitisers

Trade Association Forum - Parliamentary reception

- 20th January
- Discussions with MP and CBA

GVARA Meeting

- Online 6th February - discussed common ground on PFAS etc

Solvents Mis-use Working Group Meeting

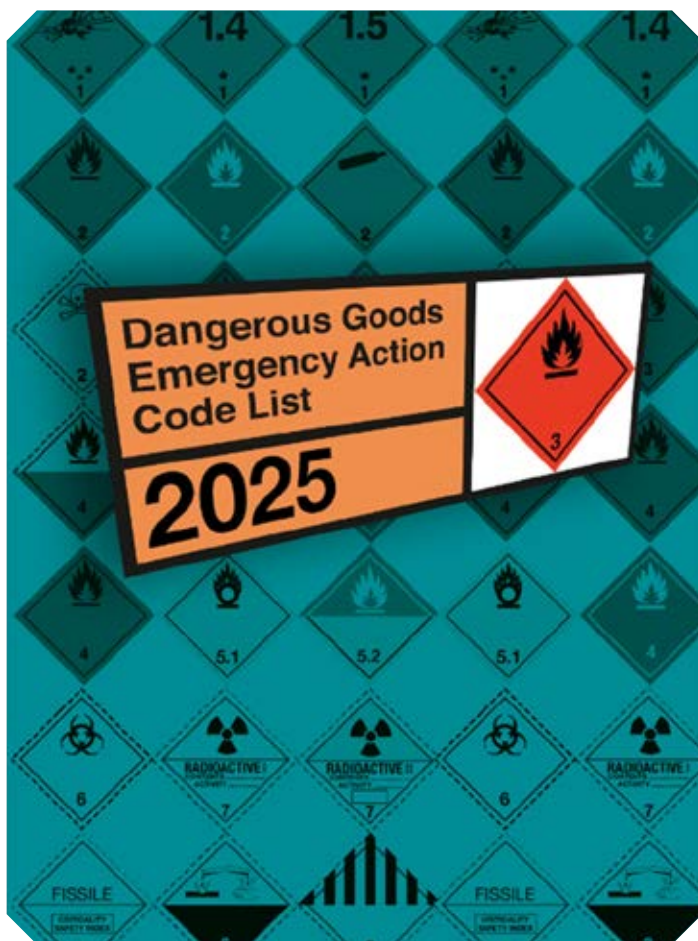
- Sadly further deaths.

Legislation working group

- Established. First meeting on 10th March at BAMA, Stevenage

Emergency Action Codes in the United Kingdom: A Brief History and Overview

This is inspired by a talk that I delivered on the development and use of the UK Emergency Action Code (EAC) system, to the British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals (BADGP) AGM



If you have ever seen a **Hazard Warning Panel** affixed to UK road and rail tanks, tankers or bulk containers and wondered what it is, then the chances are that you are also a dangerous goods geek (and/or a DGSA!). We use EACs in the UK instead of the Hazard Identification Number (HIN) used in ADR. The panel still contains the UN number and hazard placard(s), but the other difference from ADR is the displaying of a specialist advice telephone number that can be called for further information on the load being carried.

This is all prescribed in the national regulation **The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations (CDG) 2009**, that otherwise pretty much invokes the ADR and RID agreements into national law.

Origins

The EAC system was developed and introduced following a tragic incident that happened on a motorway in the North West of England on a cold December evening, back in 1972.

Foggy conditions had caused traffic to come to a stop. A container lorry saw the stationary traffic very late due to the conditions and swerved and collided with the rear corner of a tanker carrying oleum. Immediately, thousands of gallons of the acid were released. A 48-year-old off-duty nurse from Birmingham, who had been travelling to Scotland, witnessed the collision. She left the safety of her car to try to assist.

The driver of the tanker tried desperately to warn of the danger posed by the acid by banging on his cab windows and gesturing for people not to approach. Unfortunately, these actions were mistaken for cries for help, leading the nurse to approach the tanker closely. Due to the fog, the acid was not visible and she was fatally exposed to it.

The incident was later raised in Parliament and a local MP called for a full investigation into the cause of the incident and a thorough review of the risk posed by the transport of dangerous goods.

Questions were also asked about the resources the emergency services had available for dealing with incidents involving dangerous substances. As a result, the UK Government decided that something had to be done with regards to substances like this being transported by road and emergency services not knowing what they were dealing with.

Transport Emergency Card (Tremcards™) which were later superseded by Instructions in Writing, and EACs were developed initially on a voluntary basis before becoming mandatory.

A driver training scheme, which became known as the National (Dangerous Substances) Driver Training Scheme, also followed. Companies were encouraged to take part and Chemical Industry Association (CIA) member companies would only accept tanker drivers that had gone through this training.

The CIA and the rest of the chemical Industry also set up the Chemsafe scheme that provided 3 levels of response, remote advice, advice at scene and practical assistance - with chemical companies providing mutual assistance depending on who was the nearest and best able to respond.

The Government also established a national emergency advice centre (where I used to work for a number of years) for the emergency services to access backup support based on information that was lodged there – to predate both poison centres and safety data sheets. When I first started working there (in 1995) we were still relying on information held on microfiche!

EACs and Their Interpretation

Unlike the HIN, an EAC gives advice, rather than hazard information. It consists of a **single digit** for firefighting advice and a letter indicating containment actions, PPE requirements, and whether a violent reaction is likely. This is sometimes followed by an "E" to denote a public safety hazard.

The EAC is very much geared for the initial emergency responders. The first attending fire service crews have junior managers and will have received only basic training in "hazmat" if at all. The EAC is designed to help ensure that they can still make immediate tactical decisions even when product-specific information is either unavailable or inaccessible.



It is designed to help ensure their safety until that more detailed information becomes available and as the incident progresses and the response becomes more complex. For example:

- PPE needed for the "snatch" rescue of casualties
- Appropriate firefighting measures
- Setting up a suitable safety zone
- Deploying spill containment equipment e.g. drain blockers

The list of EACs is updated every two years as ADR changes. EACs are allocated using a set of algorithms for fire-fighting, spill containment, the possibility of violent reaction and a possible public safety hazard.

Despite the harmonisation of many national transport rules under ADR, the UK is likely to retain EACs for bulk domestic vehicle journeys because they provide clear, operationally focused guidance not replicated elsewhere in ADR and are already deeply embedded within the UK emergency service risk assessment processes. This has all helped to ensure that there has been no repeat of the 1972 tragedy.

Hazchem Guide			
1	COARSE SPRAY	3	FOAM
2	FINE SPRAY	4	DRY AGENT
P	V	LTS	DILUTE SPILLAGE
R	V	BA & FIRE KIT	
S	V	LTS	CONTAIN SPILLAGE
T	V	BA & FIRE KIT	
W	V	LTS	CONTAIN SPILLAGE
X	V	BA & FIRE KIT	
X	V	BA & FIRE KIT	CONTAIN SPILLAGE
Z	V	BA & FIRE KIT	
E	PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD		

KEY	V	Can be violently or even explosively reactive.
	LTS	Liquid tight chemical protective clothing used in conjunction with IA.
	DILUTE	Spillages may be washed to drain with large quantities of water. However due care must be taken to avoid unnecessary pollution of watercourses. For further information contact the Environment Agency or Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.
	CONTAIN	Prevent the spillage from entering drains and watercourses using any means available.
	DRY AGENT	Water must not be allowed to come into contact with the substance.
	E	People should be warned to stay indoors with all doors and windows closed but evacuation may need to be considered. Consult Control, Police, and product expert.



SIA Resource Centre

The Association has produced a large number of publications, guidance notes and safety films to assist those handling solvents and flammable liquids in their safe, responsible and sustainable use. The Resource Centre contains a range relevant information produced by our solvents industry partners and regulators.

Our Guidance notes (found here <https://www.solvents.org.uk/sia-guidance-notes/>) are very comprehensive and further guidance is available through our colleagues in the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG): <http://www.esig.org/category/publications/>



Guidance for the storage of liquids in intermediate bulk containers



Guidance Note 66: UK REACH Summary Document 2021



Guidance Note 65: Safe Handling and Use of Alcohol-based Sanitisers



Guidance Note 64: Safe Sampling of Solvents



Guidance Note 63: Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) Procedures for Handling Solvents and Flammable Liquids



Guidance Note 62: PPE Selection for Working in Flammable Areas



Guidance Note 61: Summary Document – Handling of Solvents in Small Packages



Guidance Note 60: Safe Handling of Flexible Hoses and Connections in the Solvents Industry



Guidance Note 58: Hot Work



Guidance Note 57: Confined Space Entry



Guidance Note 56: % Fill of Packages



Guidance Note 55: Overview of the Classification, Labelling, & Packaging (CLP) System with respect to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS)



Guidance Note 53: Denatured Alcohols



Guidance Note 52: Assessment of Customer Bulk Facilities – Revised 2020



Guidance Note 51: Selection of IBCs for Handling Hydrocarbon and Oxygenated Solvents



Guidance Note 47: Flammable Solvents & the Hazard of Static Electricity



Guidance Note 43: Portable Tanks Used for Storage of Flammable Solvents



Guidance Note 27: Vapour Return on Road Tankers

The re-released Solvents and Static Electricity Film has been produced in collaboration with the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG). Available here: https://lnkd.in/eJeEJ_ta

In detail:

Part 1 covers the hazard of static electricity and how it can accumulate.

Part 2 looks at practical measures to eliminate the risks associated with static discharge in flammable atmospheres.

We would like to thank Alcohols Limited and Haltermann Carless for the kind use of their sites for the filming.

Our well respected Safety Films are also available to members and non members:

<https://www.solvents.org.uk/videos/> and most are produced with multi-lingual options



Safe Handling of Solvents



Safe Loading and Transportation of Bulk Solvents by Road



So, You Think You Know About Solvents?



Solvents and IBCs



Solvents and Static Electricity



Solvents and the Safe Use of Gloves



SIA LinkedIn Page

Our LI page followers continue to rise and by early May 2026 we had attracted over 2980 followers.



This is a fantastic achievement - please do like and share our posts: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/solvents-industry-association/?viewAsMember=true>

Lunch & Learn Webinars

23 June 12-1pm

Spill Free Transfer of Liquid Solvents

Chris Franks

Business Development Manager UK and Ireland
MannTek

Date TBC

Richard Adams

Senior Consultant at H2 Compliance.

Exposure exposure-based assessment

This presentation is designed to guide you through exposure assessment and the extended Safety Data Sheets (eSDS) within the solvents industry. It aims to clarify complex regulatory requirements by offering practical, actionable guidance. Using real-world examples, it explores exposure pathways

and effective risk-management strategies, helping you bridge the gap between compliance obligations and safe, efficient operations.

Exposure assessment and eSDS don't have to be overwhelming — with the right guidance, they become practical tools rather than regulatory hurdles. This presentation will provide:

Real-world examples that make the concepts tangible, showing how exposure occurs and what effective control looks like in practice.

Risk-management strategies to help you move from simply meeting compliance requirements to actively improving safety and efficiency.

Regulatory confidence — giving you the clarity and confidence to translate regulatory obligations into safer, smoother day-to-day operations.

Training in the Pipeline

- Introduction to Solvents Open Course – Birmingham on 30th June <https://www.solvents.org.uk/events/>
- ESIG training in Brussels – scheduled 15th and 16th September

<https://www.esig.org/training/>

Diary 2026

2026 AGM and Conference - 15 October - Worsley Park

Technical Committee morning of AGM on 15 October

Golf day and other sporting activities - 14 October

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