

EH40 Occupational Exposure Limits

The list of UK Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) can be downloaded or purchased here:

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/eh40.htm

[EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits](#)

EH40 contains the list of workplace exposure limits for use with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 (as amended).

The latest edition published January 2020 (ISBN: 9780717667031) was updated to include the new and revised WELs introduced by the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (EU) 2017/2398, amending Directive (2004/37/EC).

The changes that came into force on 17 January 2020 incorporate new or revised entries for the following substances:

- ❖ Hardwood dusts (including mixed dusts)
- ❖ Chromium (VI) compounds
- ❖ Refractory ceramic fibres
- ❖ Respirable crystalline silica
- ❖ Vinyl chloride monomer
- ❖ Ethylene oxide
- ❖ 1,2-Epoxypropane
- ❖ Acrylamide
- ❖ 2-Nitropropane
- ❖ O-Toluidine
- ❖ 1,3-Butadiene
- ❖ Hydrazine
- ❖ Bromoethylene

New skin notations were added for the following substances:

- ❖ Ethylene oxide

The WELs for the following substances were lowered:

- ❖ Hardwood dusts
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Important note from the Health and Safety Executive: “The WELs listed in Table 1 of EH40/2005 'workplace exposure limits' supersede any WELs contained in other HSE guidance or publications.”

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