

# International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs)

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**In news**– A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was recently signed between the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and ILO for adopting the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs).

## What are the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs)?

- ICSCs are data sheets intended to concisely provide essential safety and health information on chemicals.
- **The primary aim of the Cards is to promote the safe use of chemicals in the workplace.**
- The main users are workers and those responsible for occupational safety and health.
- **The ICSCs will be used by the department to disseminate the appropriate hazard information on chemicals** at the workplace in an comprehensible and easy manner.
- **The ICSCs are developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) with cooperation of the European Commission** and are regularly updated to take account of the latest scientific developments.
- These cards are helpful for dissemination of the appropriate hazard information on chemicals to industry associations to promote safe use of chemicals in the workplace.