



Regulation (EU) 2026/405 on detergents and surfactants Scope, deadlines and upcoming supporting studies

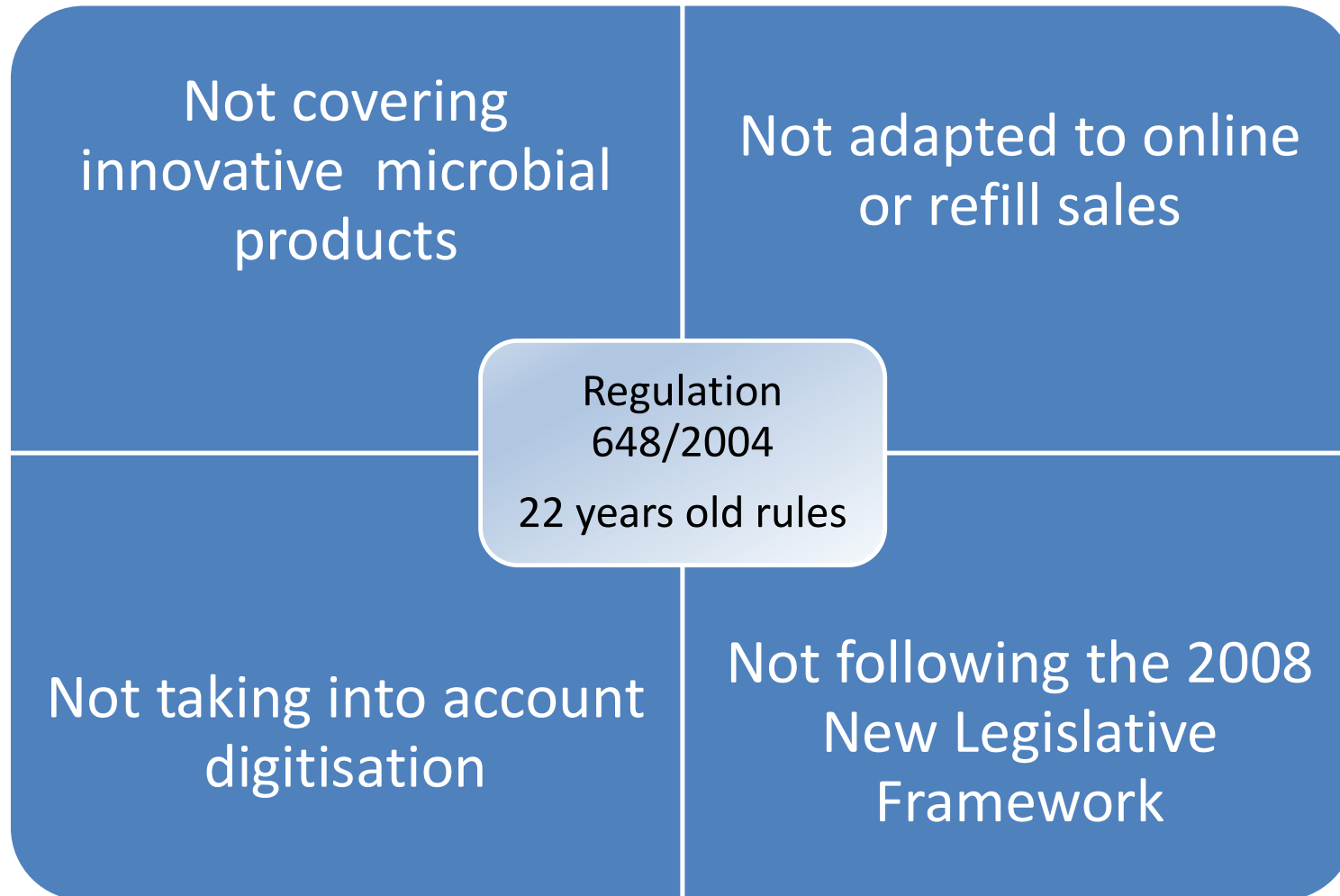
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1. Why new rules?
2. What is new?
3. What comes next?
4. When will the new rules apply?
5. How best to get ready?

1. Why new rules?



2. What is new?



2.1 Full products harmonisation



Harmonised rules preclude the adoption of possibly divergent national rules and ensure the free circulation of products within the EU

2.2 More products covered

- Detergents containing micro-organisms
- Detergents changing the odour of fabrics, if they complement washing
- Detergents which are **substances** intended for soaking (pre-washing), rinsing or bleaching clothes

Products not covered before

Products covered by Regulation (EC) No 648/2004

Surfactants and detergents

Consumer/industrial & institutional products

Liquid/powder/capsules

Laundry / dishwashing / detergents for surfaces, such as:

Fabric softeners

Water softeners

Wipes for cleaning surfaces

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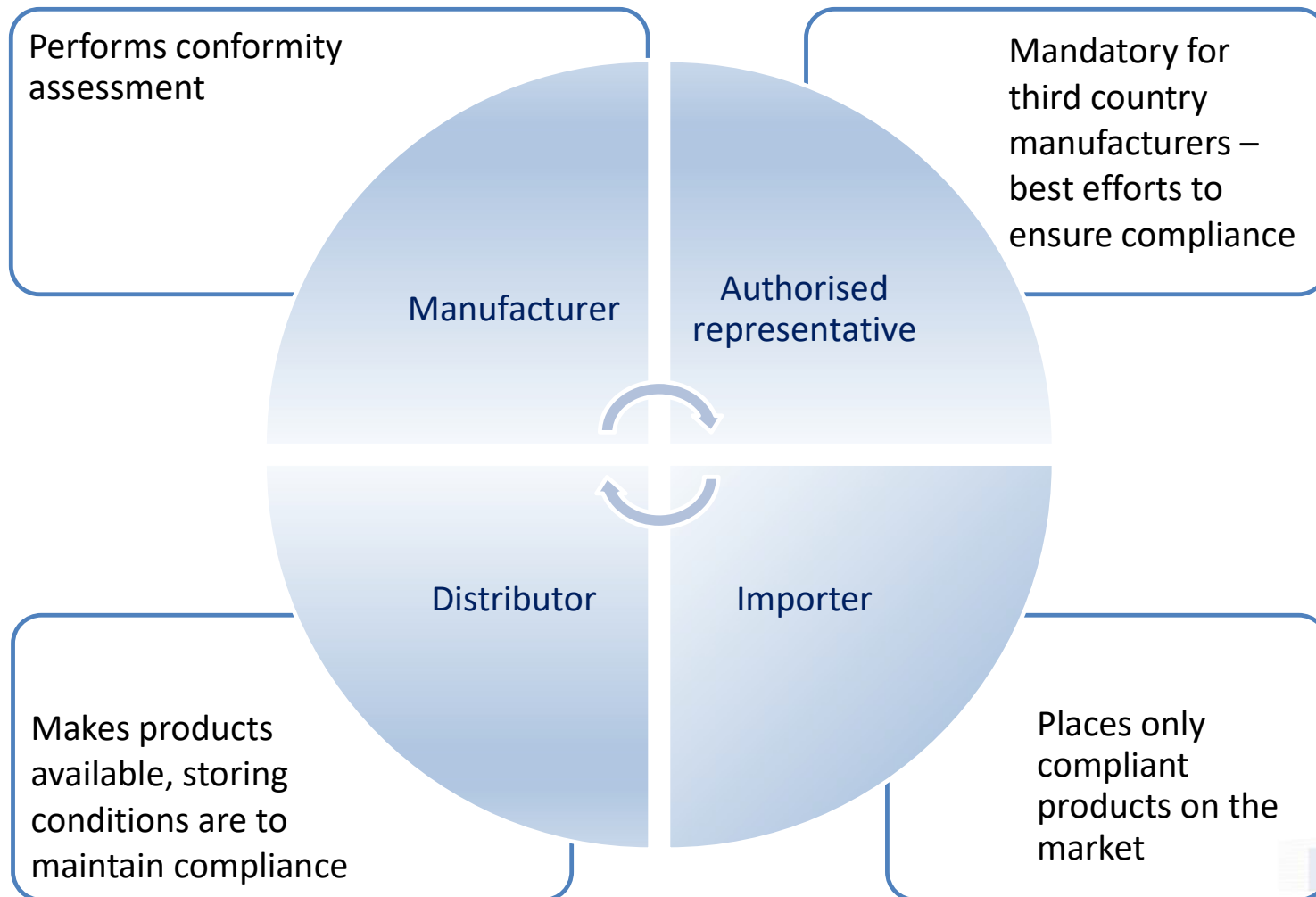
Maintenance products



Shampoo for pets

Water repellent products, starch sprays for ironing

2.3 Standardised obligations for operators



2.4 Product requirements

Ban of animal testing for proving compliance with this regulation

Products' requirements already harmonised

Biodegradability of surfactants + **new biodegradability criteria to come**

Phosphorus content in consumer laundry detergents and consumer automatic dishwashing detergents

Microbial detergents

General safety requirements

Risk assessment to be performed*

* [Risk assessment study on microbial fertilising products](#)

2.5 More products information provided to:

End-users

- More information on labels (fragrance allergens, preservatives)
- List of ingredients in the digital product passport

Poison centres

- Ingredients data sheet before placing a product on the market for all detergents (hazardous & **non-hazardous**)
- Comprehensive information to support medical response in case of poisoning

2.6 Digitisation



Digital product passport

Mandatory for detergents and **end-users** surfactants-contains the declaration of conformity and the list of ingredients

Relies on the IT infrastructure of Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation

Voluntary digital labelling

Voluntary - mainly duplicating the physical label (some information may be only online)

Part of the digital product passport

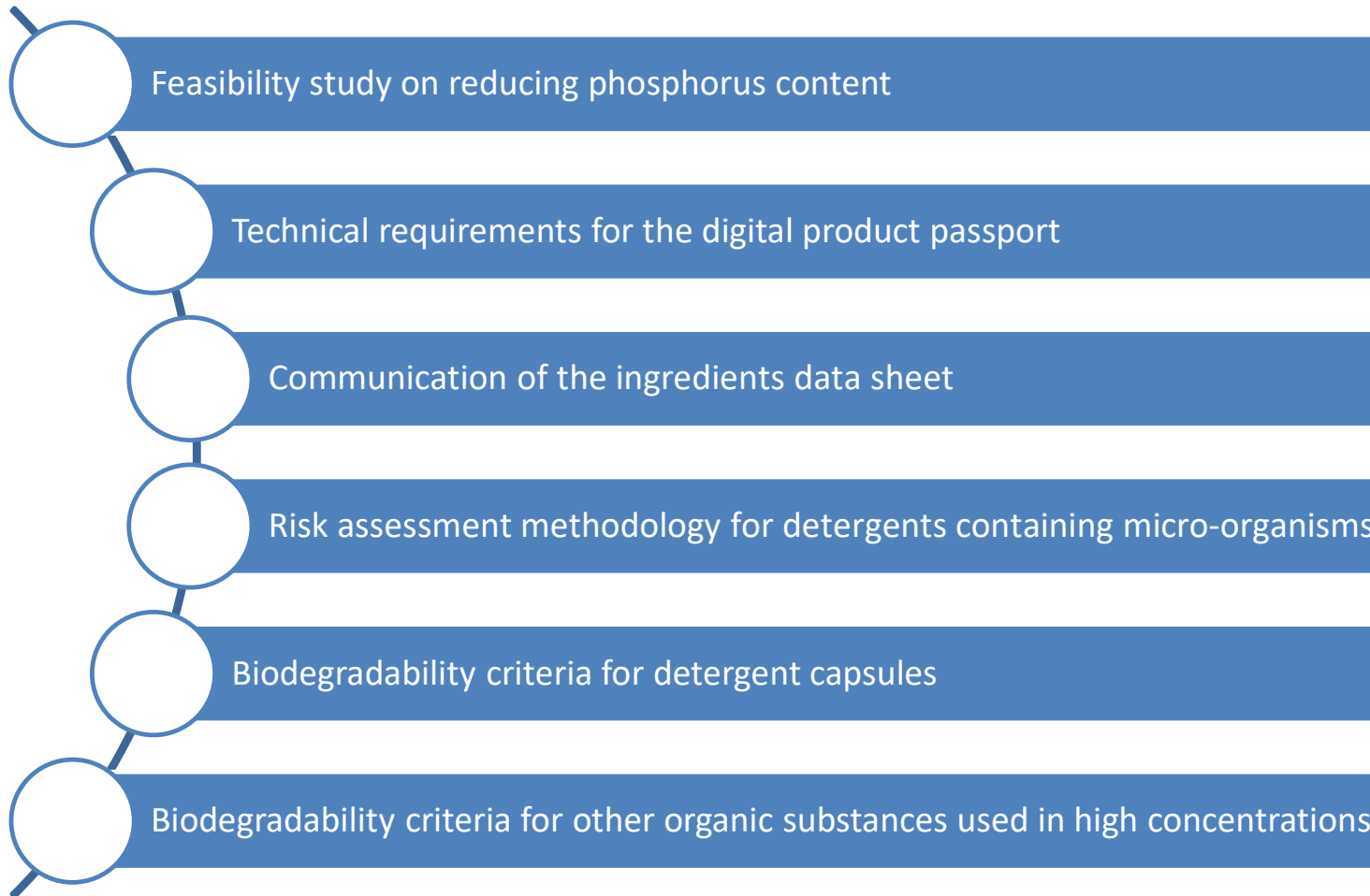
Specific rules on the provision of information by alternative means

IUCLID

Mandatory - notification of the ingredients datasheet to poison centres

IT tool of the European Chemical Agency

3. What comes next?



4. When will the new rules apply?

2029

- The basic Regulation
- Requirements for the DPP and digital labelling
- Requirements for the communication of the ingredients datasheet
- The risk assessment methodology for detergents containing micro-organisms

2032

Biodegradability criteria for detergents capsules

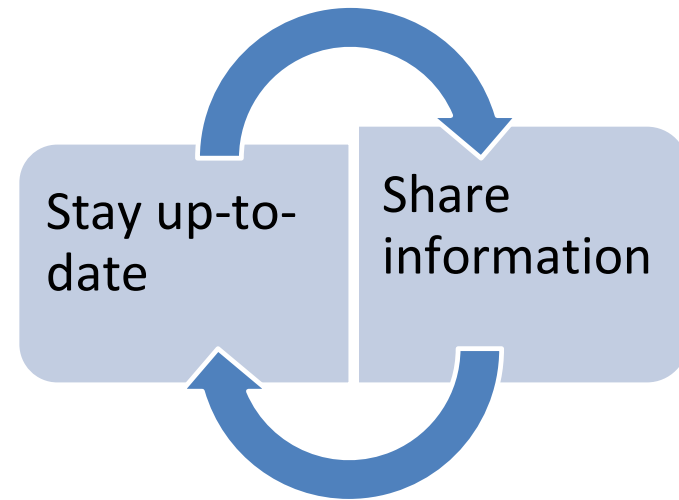
2034

Biodegradability criteria for organic substances used in high concentrations

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Maybe more stringent rules on phosphorus

5. How best to get ready?



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Thank you!

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