

## Supplier Portal

Streamlined access to critical MSDS data for  
retailers and suppliers alike

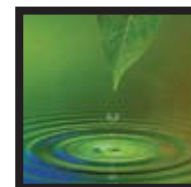
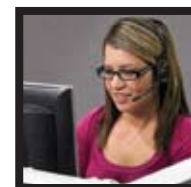


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### Overview

Retailers are increasingly challenged with meeting EH&S regulatory compliance obligations and an intense consumer demand for safer, more environmentally-friendly products. This requires retailers to more closely scrutinize the products they sell in their stores. To fulfill regulatory requirements and offer greener, safer products to their customers, they need access to hazard communication and chemical data early in the purchasing process, long before the products arrive at the distribution center, or are stocked on store shelves.

Using the 3E Online Supplier Portal significantly streamlines the process of obtaining the necessary data from the supplier quickly and efficiently. In addition to reducing the workload for the retailer, the portal provides flexible options for data collection and extrapolation, enabling retailers to incorporate the data into existing purchasing processes for a smooth transition of data from one party to another.



## Services

### **Streamlined Processes for Retailers and Suppliers Alike**

The 3E Online Supplier Portal enables retailers' suppliers and buyers to load MSDSs and data into a centralized, secure, easy-to-use web-based application. Manufacturers can now provide the desired compositional data while protecting their trade secrets. The portal offers a way for retailers to obtain the information they need, while protecting the supplier from exposing sensitive information.

As data is loaded into the system, 3E analyzes, indexes and augments information as appropriate, based on the MSDS. Whether it be hazard chemical classification information, dangerous goods classification or an altogether newly-authored MSDS or secondary container label, 3E can provide the additional data, or validate existing data, so that your organization can optimize its data management operations.

#### **Improve your level of compliance**

Make hazard communication information available to all necessary stakeholders: purchasing, logistics, employees and customers.

#### **Understand the EH&S implications**

Leverage the data from the MSDS to gain a better understanding of the environmental, health, safety and regulatory implications associated with the chemical makeup of the products sold in stores.

#### **Better products = More satisfied customers**

Get the data you need to make smarter purchasing decisions and in turn provide consumers with meaningful data that will help them make better decisions too.





## Benefits

### **Increased operational efficiency**

#### **Save time and reduce effort**

Streamlines the process of obtaining the MSDS from your suppliers

#### **Make better decisions, earlier**

Enables purchasing team to evaluate products early in the purchasing process to understand the impact of certain products on your compliance program

#### **Easy integration into business processes**

Provides data output in a variety of formats for easy adaptation to existing business processes in your organization

### **Increased Supplier participation**

#### **Reduce cost and streamline processes**

Offers an economical and sustainable method for suppliers to send MSDS data, eliminating the need for paper copies

#### **Keep sensitive data secure**

Provides ability to disclose chemical ingredient and composition data in a secure environment

#### **Access to additional resources**

Provides access to 3E's regulatory expertise as needed, such as MSDS Authoring, Emergency Response, MSDS

Distribution or Classification. 3E Data Center specialists can even provide data entry support for suppliers who are short on time and resources.

#### **Access to comprehensive data**

Suppliers can leverage 3E's vast repository of data to augment information that may be missing from their own MSDS

## Advantages

Using the 3E Online Supplier Portal has several advantages over traditional methods of gathering supplier data.

#### **Expedited on-boarding**

Retailers get the EH&S data need, early in the process, significantly minimizing the time required to on-board new products.

#### **Complete, Current & Accurate Data**

Instant access to 3E's unparalleled database of 4.5 million MSDSs. Suppliers can leverage this database, including the more than 1,000,000 UPC codes that have been classified for fire code, transportation and/or waste to supplement their own data.

Leverage 3E's built-in back-office processes, including classification services and revision maintenance of all MSDSs. 3E's Manufacturer Relations Department maintains relationships with tens of thousands of manufacturers,

and is dedicated to assuming the burden of ensuring your inventory contains the most recent version of MSDSs available.

#### **Flexible Data Requirements**

Retailers determine and define the data requirements based on their policy and strategy. Similar industry solutions require as many as 15 data fields in addition to the MSDS.

#### **Cost Effective**

The 3E Online Supplier Portal is provided as a value-added process to a subscription of 3E Online-MSDS. The only additional applicable charges are in the event a request for a newly-authored MSDS is submitted.

#### **Experience**

3E Company has more than two decades of supporting both the retail and

consumer products industries. This experience is leveraged to provide retailers with the right data to support a wide variety of requirements ranging from green product analysis, storage requirements, to ensure stores and distribution centers are equipped to handle products, transportation requirements, to waste support for ensuring proper disposal methods.

#### **Round-the-clock Support and Global reach**

3E provides 24-7-365 multi-lingual support to support global operations.

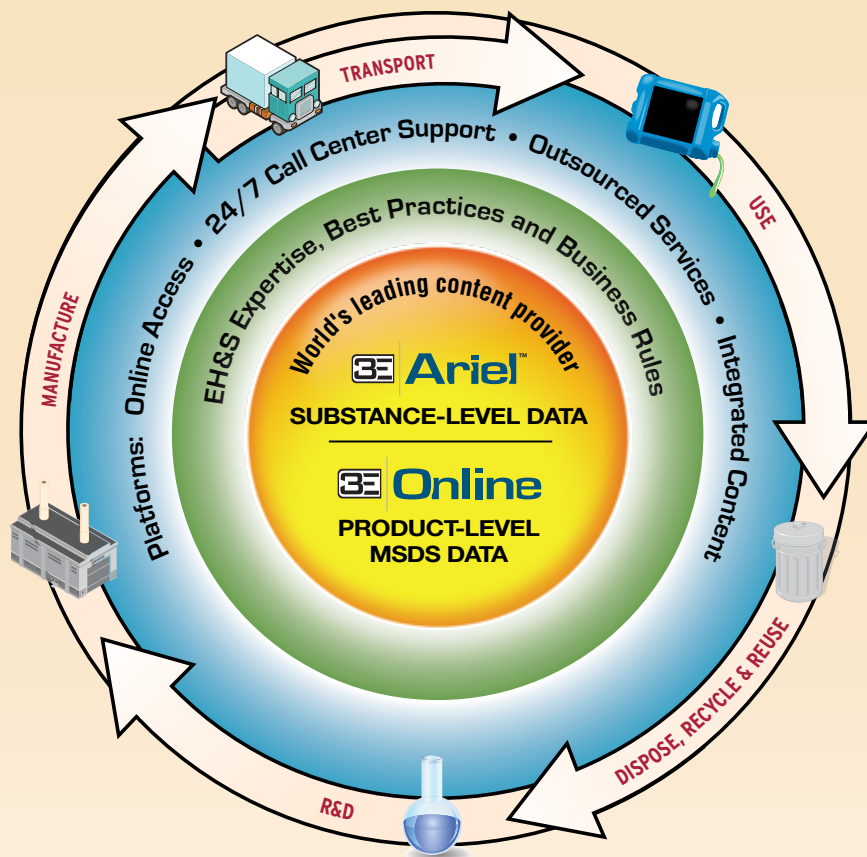
Emergency situations may require a retailer to on-board new products as quickly as possible. The EH&S Mission Control Call Center provides round-the-clock support.



# 3E Online Supplier Portal

## Full Chemical Lifecycle Management

3E Company's comprehensive suite of data products and information services enables improved compliance with global Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) requirements related to the safe manufacturing, distribution, transportation, usage and disposal of chemicals and hazardous products. Whether you are a manufacturer, distributor, transporter, retailer or corporate user of chemicals or hazardous products, 3E can deliver a program specific to the EH&S compliance information and management needs of your organization that provides benefits to the entire enterprise and throughout the supply chain. 3E Company's full product lifecycle and supply chain approach provides a single, integrated solution for managing EH&S capabilities, resulting in reduced cost, risk and liability while improving business and compliance processes.



## EH&S Challenges

With the spotlight shining brightly on EH&S compliance, companies are challenged with finding effective ways to address the complexities and intricacies of EH&S compliance management. Not only do these challenges stem from a constantly-changing regulatory landscape, but also from a scarcity of newcomers to the EH&S field, and pressure on EH&S departments to manage increased responsibility with fewer resources. Addressing these issues requires broad and deep domain expertise—expertise that doesn't always exist within the company. And if it does, this expertise is probably best utilized driving the company's overall compliance strategy, not bogged down with paperwork or the administrative burdens associated with maintaining compliance.

## EH&S Solutions

At 3E Company, we understand the business and the burden of EH&S information and compliance management. 3E Company is a comprehensive, one-stop solution for content, tools and services for companies that want to take effective leadership and control of their product stewardship and EH&S compliance activities. 3E's products and services help companies make the transition from simply managing for compliance, to cutting-edge product stewardship practices that deliver tangible and sustainable business results.

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