

Public Data Dictionary

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Below is a list of definitions for terms that may be used in the public data for the Chemical Disclosure Program. You can find public data on the [High Priority Chemicals Data System](#).

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Glossary of Terms

- **Brand Name** – The brand name of the product that is offered for sale in Vermont. The brand name is the name that is on the product box or the label.
- **Brick** – Global Product Classification (GPC) product description. [Read more about GPC standards](#).
- **Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN)** – A unique identification number issued by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society.
- **Component** – The uniquely identifiable material or coating that is intended to be included as part of the finished product.
- **Concentration Category** – The amount of the chemical that is contained in each unit of the product or product component, expressed in ranges. This is reported in parts per million (ppm).
- **Function** – The function of the chemical in the product.
- **Health Effects for Trade Secrets** – A manufacturer may request that chemical data submitted to the Health Department is treated as trade secret. If their request is accepted by the Chemical Disclosure Program, the chemical name will be replaced with the chemical class and health effects.
- **High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)** – The database that collects and publishes manufacturers' chemical disclosure reports. [Read more about the HPCDS](#).
- **Manufacturer** – If the company that makes a product has their name on the product and a physical presence in the United States, they are the manufacturer. If they do not, then the entity that sells the product in Vermont will be listed as the manufacturer (or Company in the data system). The term “manufacturer” may include other entities that do not technically make the product but assemble components or import the final product for sale in the United States.

- **Product Model** – This is the specific name used by the retailer or assembler to place the product into the stream of commerce and may be the description associated with the UPC number. The product model must be descriptive enough so that the product can be easily located, online or in a store, based on the product information reported to the Health Department.
- **Reporting Period** – The year-long timeframe during which applicable products are offered for sale, and manufacturers submit corresponding reports to the Chemical Disclosure Program.
- **Trade Association** – Some manufacturers may allow a trade association, or industry trade group, to report on their behalf.
- **Universal Product Code (UPC)** – A 12-digit barcode number assigned to the product.