

IIP Release notes

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Chapter 1. Introduction

This document contains a high-level overview of changes between the different published IIP versions. For up to date information, please also see the IIP website [IUCLID Integration Platform \(IIP\)](#).

When planning for updates, please also consider the [Support policy](#), [Externally imposed limitations](#) and [Constraints of the latest IIP version](#)

1.1. Version history

Date	Comment
June 11, 2023	Release notes for IIP 1.3.0 and previous versions back to 1.2.0 (information transferred from website to this document)

1.2. Support policy

Support for the IIP is provided under the general CLE terms for its provided software:

Basic technical support is available for part of the programs and the submission standards, please see the Contacts page. While every effort is made to provide timely technical support no guarantees whatsoever are implied that technical support will be provided or that technical support, when provided, will be accurate.

— Source: <https://esubmission.croplifeeurope.eu/legal/eula/>

Therefore, CLE recommends to

- do a thorough testing and evaluation of the IIP in combination with the inhouse environment and data
- establish additional support when using the IIP in business-critical and time-critical processes.

1.2.1. Supported IIP versions

Technical support is provided for the latest released IIP version, with a transition period of three month after release date, where also the previous IIP version is still supported.

1.2.2. Supported connected IUCLID6 versions

The IIP is aimed to be backwards compatible for IUCLID6 releases, as long as ECHA does not change the basic principles of the IUCLID6 format and the REST API. We will provide support for the latest released IIP versions connected to the current major IUCLID6 release (including intermediate minor versions), with a transition period of 3 month after the release of a new major IUCLID6

version.



In IUCLID6 version 7.x.x ECHA introduced new document header attributes without notice or documentation (in the REST API documentation). The IIP version 1.2.1. and below will not properly work with those IUCLID version. Please upgrade to IIP version 1.3.0 or later.

Chapter 2. Known limitations

2.1. Externally imposed limitations

- No support for connecting to IUCLID6 instances on the ECHA cloud (this is due to the official ECHA policies, not due to technical constraints)

2.2. Constraints of the latest IIP version

The IIP is in the process of further development and new functionalities are being added. The following is a list of high-level constraints of the current version. The list is expected to be reduced in future versions, dependent on the decision of the IIP project team.

2.2.1. IIP Web frontend

- No creation / copying / deletion of entities / documents in the frontend
- Flat display of documents, without tree structure
- No support for working contexts (the complete list of documents is shown)
- No support for inherited templates, the list of documents in a dataset is displayed without documents from a linked template. However, during IEF import, references to documents inherited from a template can be resolved.
- No editing support of documents other than for tabular data
 - Table cells support pasting, but no keyboard editing or deletion. To delete a cell value, paste an empty value from the clipboard. Currently unsupported table columns are greyed out.
 - For picklists with remarks, only the pasting of the picklist is supported.
- Application of dynamic rules (fields depend on values in other fields). This is currently not made dynamically available to external applications in a similar manner as the IUCLID format
- Execution of a validation report
- Dossier display or creation - all operations work on datasets only

2.2.2. IEF import and job processing

- No creation of substances / mixtures / templates via IEF import (only documents within those entities)
- The IIP applies a strict check on the provided job data and refuses to apply jobs with one of the following value errors
 - picklist values can not be found or are obsolete in the current IUCLID format. As of now, the IIP requires an exact match with the decode values of the IUCLID picklists, including units with non-ASCII characters like µg and °C.
 - cross-references to documents or entities cannot be resolved to **exactly** one item. Please check the latest IEF manual to see the options on how to supply information for cross-references upon import without using a UUID.

- target of cross-references (field of type Docref) do not exist in IUCLID. When the target document is itself created by a job it can help to run the same job list multiple time, first creating the target document, second the other document with the reference to the target document. However, documents that are part of circular references (this has been found in real data!) cannot be created with the current job processing, because there will be always a document with unresolved docrefs.

In future, a two-stage processing will be implemented, where first documents without cross-references are created, and then the cross-references are added as update.

- There is currently no support to create cross-references (with field of type docref) from a document in a template to a document in a dataset, where the dataset has this template inherited. The reason is that currently the documents from inherited templates are not considered / displayed, when opening a dataset.
- Editing / Correction of job data in the IIP web frontend prior to (re-)execution is not possible
- The processing of an IEF file based on a previous major IUCLID format may fail, when format changes have occurred that the IIP cannot handle. The IIP does not contain any migration support for IEF files to newer IUCLID formats. Consequently, IEF files should always be based on the latest major IUCLID version.

2.2.3. Limitations with nested information without proper parent information

There is a specific known limitation with respect to tables within deeply nested blocks: Consider a repeating block B consisting of a single field A and a further nested table T, and the field A is not mandatory. Then, the IEF format cannot distinguish between the following scenarios:

- Scenario 1: Three blocks B, with table T filled with one row each (field A is not filled)
- Scenario 2: One block B, with table T filled with three rows, with the same table data as in Scenario 1 (field A is not filled)

As no value is provided for field A, the IEF format looks identical for both scenarios and the IEF processing cannot decide on whether to create one or three blocks - and it cannot even detect that such a situation may occur. Currently, the IIP will import according to Scenario 2.

Very few of those scenarios have been detected in real IUCLID6 data, for example in OHT 85-5 ENDPOINT_STUDY_RECORD.ResiduesInRotationalCrops in the subsection MaterialsAndMethods.StudyUsePattern.TrialInformation. Here the field TrialIdNo was only provided once for one block, followed by tabular data. For further blocks no TrialIdNo was given, but tabular data existed. Even if we could intercept such scenarios during IEF import, there is currently no way to detect the right scenario by the IIP automatically. As an advice, it is always recommended to not let nested information without any parent information, like here the TrialIDNo - or as in the general example above, the field A. Then, the location of the nested information can be uniquely determined by the IIP.

2.2.4. IUCLID format support

- The IUCLID concept of CUSTOM_SECTION, that alters document definitions dependent on the working context, is not applied. The IIP supports the core definition only.

- ARTICLE and CATEGORY as entities not relevant for PPP are not considered in the entity selection combobox.. They could likely be enabled with little additional effort, if needed.
- IIP has been developed and tested with the focus on PPP submissions, but should work with all supported entities. The IIP does not contain any hardcoded list of entities that are specifically supported, but the IUCLID format is retrieved dynamically. Therefore, the IIP does normally not require to be updated for a new IUCLID6 release .

Chapter 3. Version 1.3.0 (June 11, 2023)

This version has been developed and tested with IUCLID6 7.0.1.

3.1. IEF import

- **NEW:** Completion of remaining type support (Blockref, Docref, InventoryRef).
- **NEW:** minor remaining format support (hierarchical picklists)
- **IMP:** Validation against text lengths
- **IMP:** Update of rules for job Matching Candidate detection
- **IMP:** Enhanced validation rules (Example: lower values smaller than larger value in ranges)

3.2. Frontend

- **IMP:** Improved IUCLID connection dialog in the Administration perspective. Differentiation between available IUCLID instance (using URL) and authorized connection (using credentials). For details see chapter 4.5 in the installation manual.
- **NEW:** Introduction of context-specific online help (see (?) -Buttons), directing to the online help. As of now, information is provided on how matching candidates are determined. A future extension of the context-specific online help is planned.
- **FIX:** Correct display of open picklist prefix (not always "other:")
- **IMP:** Misc usability improvements

3.3. Misc

- **NEW:** Caching of IUCLID definitions and content (leads to improvement of performance). For details see IIP installation manual
- **IMP:** Multiple backend improvements (Example: IUCLID name request)

Chapter 4. Version 1.2.1 (March 5th, 2023)

4.1. IEF import

- **NEW:** Support of hierarchical picklists
- **NEW:** Addition of “sep=;” as first line in IEF exports, to ease viewing in Excel
- **FIX:** Bug fixes, eg. handling of document with empty names, Literature references with empty Study number

4.2. Frontend

- **IMP:** Various usability improvements

Chapter 5. Version 1.2.0 (Jan 20th, 2023)

This version has been developed and tested with IUCLID version 6.27.2. The next IIP release is scheduled for end of Q2 2023, after the next major IUCLID release in April 2023. However, this IIP version will also work with that new updated IUCLID version, provided that ECHA does not change core features of their API, which are not planned and announced as of now.

Major changes:

- **NEW:** Support of import (and export) of all document types and most entities (excluding the irrelevant entities site, contact, legal entity, article), including metadata and attachments
- **NEW:** Automatic suggestion of update candidates based on document type and document name.
- **NEW:** Finalization of CSV-type import and export format, now called IEF (IUCLID Exchange Format), made for automatic generation (not human-readable)
- A documentation of the format is available in a separate PDF. Please check your download page that you receive after registration.
- Completion of the validation of all field types (see details in the format PDF)
- **NEW:** Improved import and export handling, including blocking of application for long-lasting operations
- **NEW:** New error display for validation errors on the IEF file level (all jobs) and job level (right side). This display will be used also in future, when validating the input via the frontend (copy/paste)
- **NEW:** In Demo Mode custom annotations are used to tag documents for optional later deletion
- **NEW:** Various smaller improvements to raise usability and robustness
- **NEW:** A test suite for the IUCLID format used in future internally by us for every new release.