Advanced digital coding solutions from Videojet can help you comply with the UFI requirements with high-quality codes on virtually any substrate.

**Why was the UFI created?**

The UFI code is designed to provide protection to the public, while protecting your confidential business information. The presence of the code on products, as well as other information you provide, will assist poison control centers in the event of an emergency. By having the code located clearly on the product, control centers will be able to properly identify the specific product and composition mixture involved with a particular incident, enabling them to give more accurate recommendations for a more rapid response.

**What is the UFI?**

A new label component that consists of a 16-character alphanumeric code required to appear on the label of all products that contain a hazardous mixture.

**What are the requirements?**

The Acronym “UFI” must be in capital letters and followed by the 16-character alphanumeric code. No specific requirements have been set for variables such as font type or size. However, the UFI must be clearly visible and legible on the label of the product, and must be positioned so that it is easy to locate (for example, near the bar code or hazard symbols). All of your products that share the same mixture composition will need to share the same UFI.

**Deadlines**

- **January 1, 2020** for mixtures intended for consumer use
- **January 1, 2021** for mixtures intended for professional use
- **January 1, 2024** for mixtures for industrial use only
- **All mixtures currently on the market must be in compliance by January 1, 2025**

**What do you need to create a UFI?**

To create a UFI for your mixture, you’ll need your company’s specific VAT number as well as a mixture-specific formulation number. By entering these two values into ECHA’s UFI Generator online tool, you can get your UFI code. The VAT number is critical to help ensure that your UFI is unique from UFI’s generated by other companies.

More detailed information on the UFI can be obtained from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).