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Regulatory Update: Highlight of the New Global Harmonization Standards (GHS)



Hazard classification: Provides specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards, as well as classification of mixtures.

Labels: Chemical manufacturers and importers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each hazard class and category. Precautionary statements must also be provided.



Material Safety Data Sheets: Will now have a specified 16-section format. Information and training: Employers are required to train workers by December 1, 2013 on the new labels elements and safety data sheets format to facilitate recognition and understanding.

What's New?

As of March 20, 2012, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration released the long awaited revised Hazard Communication Standard to include the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) suggestions developed by the United Nations. The revisions will provide a common and coherent approach to classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and safety data sheets, thereby ensuring consistent worker safety. Click the image below for the complete update.



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