Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)





HAZCOM is Changing!!!

- Changes to the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) are bringing the US into alignment with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)
- The new HCS still requires manufacturers and importers to evaluate the chemicals they produce/import and provide hazard information to employers and workers via labels and safety data sheets.
- The modified standard provides a set of harmonized criteria for classifying chemicals and specifies elements for labeling and safety data sheets.

Things that you should learn from training:

- How to read container labels and understand the information that they contain
- How to read an SDS to identify chemical health hazards, routes of exposure, and measures to be taken for personal protection, first aid and special handling
- How to identify releases of hazardous chemicals in the workplace

Global Harmonization System (GHS)



Overview

What is GHS?

Acronym for:



Globally

Harmonized

System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

Major Changes - Labels

 Chemical manufacturers and importers must provide a label that includes a signal word, pictogram, hazard statement, and precautionary statement for each hazard class and category



GHS Pictograms

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How was GHS Developed?



- United Nations Organization (UN) initiative since 1992 to provide a system for the standard handling of chemicals
- The system used as reference several existing system from various countries. It is now available for adoption by competent authorities around the world.
- Revision 3 of the GHS is used by OSHA as the reference for the proposed Hazard Communication rule

Exemptions

Hazardous Wastes

- Articles-item formed to a specific shape which has its end use (function) dependent upon its shape or design
- Consumer Products-where employer can show its end use in the workplace is no greater than exposures are than those experienced by consumers when used for its intended purpose

Initial Hazards

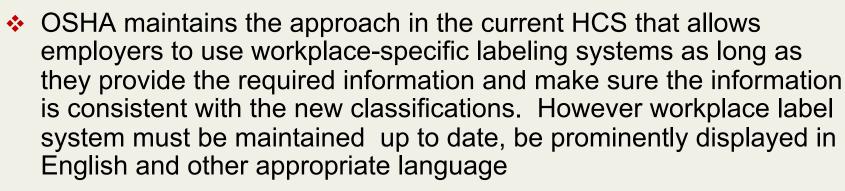
••600 substances in the OSHA Standards and the ACGIH TLVs are the starting "floor" of candidates for evaluation

Major Changes - Hazard classification

Hazard Classification - Under the new standard provides specific criteria to address health and physical hazards & classification of chemical mixtures.

Label Modifications

- Pictograms
- Two Signal Words
 - Danger
 - Warning
- Hazard statements
- Precautionary statements





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GHS – Health Hazards











New Definitions...

GHS – Physical Hazards





Labels

GHS – Hazard Communication Tools

Label Components

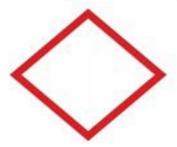
- ■Product identifier
- □ Supplier identifier
- □ Chemical identity
- □Hazard pictograms*
- **□**Signal words*
- □Hazard statements*

*Standardized Based on Appendixes

□Precautionary information - mandatory

GHS Label Elements

Product Name or Identifier (Identify Hazardous Ingredients, where appropriate)



Signal Word

Physical, Health, Environmental Hazard Statements

Supplimental Information

Precautionary Measures & Pictograms





First Aid Statements

Name and Address of Company

Telephone Number of Company

SAMPLE LABEL

PRODUCT IDENTIFIER

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Keep container tightly closed. Store in cool, well ventilated place that is locked. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame. No smoking.

Only use non-sparking tools.

Use explosion-proof electrical equipment. Take precautionary measure against static discharge.

Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.

Do not breathe vapors.

Wear Protective gloves.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Dispose of in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations as specified.

In Case of Fire: use dry chemical (BC) or Carbon dioxide (CO₂) fire extinguisher to extinguish.

First Aid

If exposed call Poison Center.
If on skin (on hair): Take off immediately any contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

HAZARD PICTOGRAMS



SIGNAL WORD

Danger

HAZARD STATEMENT

Highly flammable liquid and vapor. May cause liver and kidney damage.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Directions for use	
Fill weight:	Lot Number
Gross weight:	Fill Date
Expiration Date:	

Revised HCS Labeling

Product Identifier

States the identity of the chemical, including all the ingredients that contribute to the hazard of the mixture.

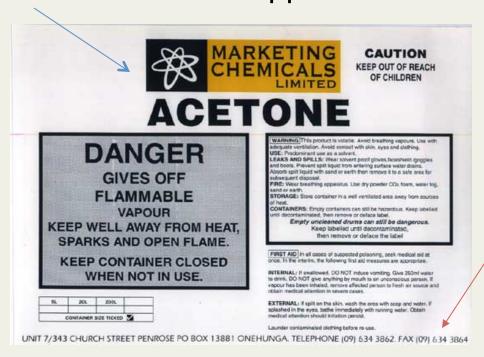
Unique means by which the chemical can be identified within the particular use setting.



Supplier Information

Supplier Identification

 Name, address and telephone number of the manufacturer or supplier of the hazardous chemical.



Chemical Identity

- A name that will uniquely identify a chemical.
- For Substances
 - Name as determined by IUPAC or CAS,
 - or technical name as determined by ISO.



These are new...

GHS - Pictograms



Pictograms

Display health, physical and environmental hazard information.

New health hazard symbol.





Pictograms

✓ Pictograms feature a white background with a red border instead of a solid orange background.

Harmful chemicals are marked with an exclamation mark.



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Pictogram Shape & Colour

- For transport, pictograms will not change
- For other sectors, pictograms will have a black symbol on a white background with a red diamond frame.
- For the same hazard, where a transport pictogram appears, the GHS pictogram should not appear.

Transport Pictograms



Explosives

(class 1)



(class 3, 4)





Gases

(class 2)

Oxidizers

(class 5)





Toxic

(class 6)

Corrosives

(class 8)



Signal Words

- These words are used to alert the reader of health, physical, and environmental hazards, and the hazard's level of severity
- "Danger" and "Warning" are the only two signal words used.



GHS: Environmental Hazards

- Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment
 - Acute injury after short term exposure
 - Chronic injury during the organism life cycle
 - Includes fish, crustaceans, and algae or other aquatic plants

The environmental hazards are not covered by OSHA. The competent authority for those would be EPA



... On the labels

GHS - Hazard statements

Hazard Statements

- GHS label should include appropriate hazard and precautionary information.
- A hazard statement is a phrase assigned to a hazard class that describes the nature of the hazard, and its level of severity.
 - "Highly Flammable," "Unstable Explosive," "Toxic if Inhaled".
- There are three types: Physical, Health and Environmental

Hazard Statements

Toxic to the skin

Fatal if inhaled 1,2

Harmful if inhaled 4

Precedence



1 Sulfuric Acid

Danger! May be harmful if swallowed.
Causes sever skin burns and eye
damage. Fatal if inhaled. Harmful to
aquatic life.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wear respiratory protection.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

In case of fire Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

See Material Safety Data Sheet for further details regarding safe use of this product.

- Sigma-Aldrich 3050 Spruce Street SAINT LOUIS MO 63103 USA Telephone : +18003255832
- Sigma-Aldrich 3050 Spruce Street SAINT LOUIS MO 63103 USA Telephone : +1800325583
- Product Identifier 4 Hazard Statements
 - Pictograms 5 Precautionary Statements
 - Signal word, "Danger!"

 Supplier Information

- Where a chemical is classified for a number of hazards, and the precautionary statements are similar, the most stringent shall be included on the label (this will be applicable mainly as preventive measures).
- An order of precedence may be imposed by the manufacturer, importer or responsible party in situations where phrases concern "Response."



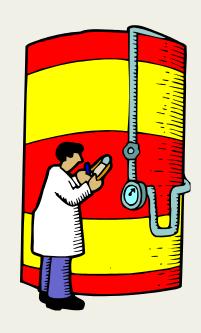
From MSDS to SDS

GHS – Hazard Communication Tools: Safety Data Sheets

Role of the SDS in the GHS

Primary Use of SDS: The Workplace

- Employers and workers use them as an information source about ential hazards of a chemical substance or mixture and to obtain guidance on safety precautions.
- SDS information can be used by those involved in the transport of dangerous goods and emergency responders.



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Summary

OSHA HAZCOM STANDARD CHANGES ARE HERE

- **❖NEW MANDATED CRITERIA**
- NEW LABELING INFORMATION
- ❖NEW SDS MSDS BEING REPLACED
- TRAINING
 - pictograms, hazard statements, signal words, precautionary statements