Are You in Compliance with GHS?

If your organization manufactures, imports, or distributes hazardous chemicals, then it likely has hazard communication compliance requirements to meet, and if it’s in North America, then GHS adoption affects those requirements. To date, more than 65 countries have adopted or are in the process of adopting GHS, including the United States and Canada.

OSHA requires manufacturers to have completed their chemical reclassification process using the newly adopted GHS health and physical hazard classification criteria, and to be providing GHS-aligned safety data sheets and labels to downstream users. At the same time, Health Canada is bringing WHMIS on line with GHS.

With GHS adoption, MSDSs need to be reauthored to meet a strictly ordered 16-section format, which are referred to as SDSs, and labels need to be created to include standardized GHS elements.

Reclassifying chemicals and authoring in the new GHS style is both an art and a science — a task well-suited for MSDSonline’s team of certified professionals.

HazCom Authoring Requirements

The Global Harmonization System (GHS) is managed by the United Nations and supported by regulatory agencies around the globe, including OSHA, Health Canada, and the European Union.

Three main components of GHS include:

- Standardized SDS format and content
- Standardized hazard classifications and symbols
- Standardized hazard warnings and symbols on container labels

MSDSonline’s Certified Authoring Professionals Can Help

Our trained and certified professionals can author, update, and translate SDSs/MSDSs, as well as review your existing library to ensure compliance with necessary state, federal and international regulations, including 16-section ANSI, OSHA, WHMIS, EU, NAFTA, and other global formats.

All safety data sheets go through a critical review process and quality assurance check to confirm accuracy and compliance. Our name may be MSDSonline, but when it comes to safety data sheet authoring, we take a hands-on approach!

Learn how MSDSonline’s Authoring Experts can simplify your GHS transition, so you can focus on other important day-to-day operations. Call us toll-free at 1.888.362.2007 (U.S. & Canada only). Outside of the United States, call 1.312.881.2000.