GHS Labeling **Dealing with Supply Chain Issues**

2022 has been a year like no other as far as supply chain issues, and supplies of pressure sensitive label materials used for chemical labeling have not been spared. From a world-wide pandemic to a paper strike in Finland to Texas winter storms, it seems as though global events have conspired to disrupt supply chains in the U.S. and around the globe. If your company has experienced delays shipping your chemical products becuase of GHS labels, Reliance Label Solutions is happy to offer suggestions and recommendations to help you develop proactive strategies that can help your company reduce or eliminate label shortages and lost sales due to label out-of-stocks.

2020

Pandemic Arrives in NA (March)

Petrochemical demand reducation drives record low costs - Oil goes negative in April 2020

2021

Product-Specific Inflation

Severe raw material disruption industry-wide - Massive increases in costs for specific downstream chemical products, priced to destroy demand



Macroeconomic Inflation

High demand, geopolitical uncertainty result in rising costs for everything



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What you can do:

Discuss expectations for growth Most label providers are on a material allocations from their raw material providers, so if your company is looking to expand or foresee growth, your supplier would need to start working with their raw material suppliers as soon as possible.

Determine efficient run sizes

Working with your label provider, determine the ideal production run sizes for each of your label formats.

Account for extended lead time

To account for raw material shortages, add several weeks lead time tonyour normal orders.

Look in your trash can

Every label wasted because of print production issues (misfeeds, jamming, stock curling, poor print quality, etc.) represents a container that won't ship! If your overall production waste is greater than 1%, a reevaluation of your production methods may be in order.

Consider alternative materials

Most label converters have several suppliers of raw material, so there may be alternate label stocks available that would work for your application. Talk with your label company about this, so you can be better informed of your options. Be sure your label supplier's tooling will work with the alternate materials.

Use stock labels

Some label converters keep an inventory of stock labels on hand. In a pinch, they may have a stock label format you can substitute for your custom label.

Maintain an open line of communication

Most importantly – Stay in regular contact with your label provider to discuss your label needs and delivery schedules. Ask if they can provide regular inventory and usage reports that can be sent to you on an ongoing, frequent basis.





