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Latin America: Hazard Communication Updates

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Presenter biography

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Presentation abstract

The chemical regulatory framework in Latin America undergone significant developments over the past few years. From countries such as Chile and Brazil updating their GHS revision to the 7th edition to Colombia establishing their National Inventory and Risk Evaluation for Substances of Industrial Use, it is evident that these countries have been working toward sound chemical management and therefore prioritizing human health and environmental safety across the region. Nonetheless, since the Purple Book allows competent authorities to make decisions and taking into account country specific cultural elements, there might be divergence on the hazard communication requirements of each country. This presentation aims to provide an overview of the chemical regulatory landscape of Latin American countries and present the most recent updates from Chilean substance classification list, highlight Colombia's registration process for chemical substances and outline Brazil's GHS Revision 7 update.