



Health Canada adoption of GHS Revision 7

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Presenter biography

On June 1st, 2022, Dr. Séguin created an LLC company to act as an expert consultant in compliance and regulations related to chemicals, nationally and internationally. He received his PhD in 1992 and now has over 30 years as a professional chemist and this year as an SCHC member! His primary professional interest is with the worldwide deployment and updates of the GHS.



Presentation abstract

Health Canada updated WHMIS 2015 to the 7th revision of GHS on December 15th, 2022, with a three-year transition for full compliance, so until mid-December 2025. This presentation will highlight the changes as compared to the previous enforced 5th GHS revision, which was adopted in 2015 with several specifics in view of the best possible alignment with the US HAZCOM 2012, based on the GHS 3rd revision.

We will see that aerosols are, from far, the most affected chemicals of all, since there will be a new category, change in used of pictogram (hazard symbol), coming from the 8th edition of the GHS, and we will also look at some other specific changes related to multiple H and P statements for a variety of physical and health hazards.

Changes in the Safety Data Sheet format with additional physical, and toxicological data information will also be covered, together with the expected impacts on the WHMIS GHS bilingual label content.

Apart the Gazette II official and final publication of the Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR) which describes the details of the WHMIS law, we will also share the content of several webinars and related documentation issued by Health Canada, in support to the manufacturers, distributors, importers and exporters of chemicals in Canada.

We intend to bring up to the audience, the efforts put forward to align, even more if that is so possible, the application of GHS between US and Canada while emphasizing on the few remaining fundamental differences, so the audience can envision the transition together with the one planned by OSHA, once the official Final Rule update of HAZCOM 2012 is published.