

GHS/HCS Discussion

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Discussion

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 - ▶ Discussion of GHS Process
 - ▶ Revision 10 Updates
- ▶ US/Canadian Collaboration



FEDERAL REGISTER

HCS Update/Rulemaking Process

THE OSHA RULEMAKING PROCESS



[OSHA_FlowChart.pdf](#)

Stage 4/5 - Development of the Final Rule

- ▶ OSHA analyzes the rulemaking record leading to the rule, including all public comments and other information the agency has collected to develop the final rule, which presents:
 - ▶ An explanation of the rule's requirements including OSHA's analysis that support its decisions
 - ▶ OSHA's responses to the public comments on the NPRM
 - ▶ The dates when the rule becomes effective and employers must start complying
- ▶ Next Public step is submitting to OMB for interagency review under Executive Order 12866
- ▶ Normally timeframe - 24 to 60 months



UN Sub-Committee

UN Subcommittee Process

- ▶ The Subcommittee is comprised of UN country members, non-government organizations (NGOs) and observers.
- ▶ The subcommittee works on a two-year cycle (biennium)
 - ▶ The subcommittee creates a program of work for each cycle
 - ▶ All work items also include a terms of reference
 - ▶ Additionally, members can bring forward items for the subcommittee to adopt through out the biennium
- ▶ Since the work is often highly technical - informal discussions are held intersessional
- ▶ All discussions, direction and potential changes are presented to the subcommittee through papers
 - ▶ Informal papers - presentation of topics of interest for subcommittee
 - ▶ Working papers -request formal decisions from the subcommittee
- ▶ The subcommittee only works on consensus.



Updates to the Purple Book

Revision 10 updates

- ▶ Health Hazards
 - ▶ General update for consistency
 - ▶ Additional guidance for Acute Toxicity (chapter 3.1) on conversion of experimental values
 - ▶ Updates to the Serious Eye/Eye Irritation Hazard Class (chapter 3.3)
 - ▶ Non-animal test methods
 - ▶ pH
 - ▶ Defined approaches
 - ▶ Update to Skin Sensitization (Chapter 3.4)
 - ▶ Non-animal Test methods
 - ▶ Defined approaches
 - ▶ Corresponding pH updates for Skin Corrosion/Skin Irritation (Chapter 3.2)

Revision 10 Updates Continued

- ▶ Physical hazards
 - ▶ General updates for consistency with MTC
 - ▶ Update on the Criteria for desensitized explosives (chapter 2.17) to better align with explosives (Chapter 2.1)
- ▶ Annexes
 - ▶ Annex 3
 - ▶ Updated precautionary statements for Respiratory Sensitization
 - ▶ Amendments to Section 2 and Section 3
 - ▶ Updates to Annex 9 (Section 9.7) and Annex 10 (metals and metal compounds)
 - ▶ Address Environmental classification and Transformation - Dissolution of metals and metal compounds
 - ▶ Aligns the Annexes with the Criteria of Chapter 4.1 of the GHS



Collaboration