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Minor or Major Revision? The Devil is in the Details!

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Impacted industries

- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction;
- Petroleum and coal product manufacturing;
- Chemical manufacturing;
- Plastics and rubber products manufacturing;
- Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing;
- Primary metal manufacturing; and
- Animal feed manufacturing.



Classifications(Before – After)

- None;
- Flammable Aerosols (Cat. 1,2);
- Flammable Gases (Cat. 1,2);
- Pyrophoric gases;
- Water-Activated Toxicants;
- Carcinogenicity, Germ Cell Mutagenicity, Reprod. Tox (Cat. 1)
- Reprod. Tox (Cat. 2)
- Combustible dust; - “May form combustible dust concentrations in air”
- Chemicals under pressure (Cat. 1, 2, 3)
- Aerosols (Cat. 1, 2, 3);
- Flammable Gases (Cat. 1A, 1B, 2);
- Included in Cat. 1A of the above;
- Acute Inhalation Toxicity (Cat. 1,2,3 or 4) - as sold;
- Carcinogenicity, Germ Cell Mutagenicity, Reprod. Tox (Cat 1A, OR 1B)
- Reprod. Tox (Cat. 2) Only if specific secondary effects on humans/animals, apply (not from other toxic effects)
- Can also now be: - “May form explosible dust-air mixture”



Classifications(Before – After)

1	Oral (mg/kg body weight)	Category 1: $0 \leq 5$ Category 2: $5 \leq 50$ Category 3: $50 \leq 300$ Category 4: $300 \leq 2000$	0.5 5 100 500
2	Dermal(mg/kg bodyweight)	Category 1: $0 \leq 50$ Category 2: $50 \leq 200$ Category 3: $200 \leq 1000$ Category 4: $1000 \leq 2000$	5 50 300 1100
3	Inhalation(gases) (ppmV)	Category 1: $0 \leq 100$ Category 2: $100 \leq 500$ Category 3: $500 \leq 2500$ Category 4: $2500 \leq 20\ 000$	10 100 700 4500
4	Inhalation(vapours) (mg/l)	Category 1: $0 \leq 0.5$ Category 2: $0.5 \leq 2.0$ Category 3: $2.0 \leq 10.0$ Category 4: $10.0 \leq 20.0$	0.05 0.5 3 11

SDS(Before – After)

Section 3 - Before	Section 3 - After
<p>Concentration ranges must be one of the prescribed ones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) from 0.1 to 1%;(b) from 0.5 to 1.5%;(c) from 1 to 5%;(d) from 3 to 7%;(e) from 5 to 10%;(f) from 7 to 13%;(g) from 10 to 30%;(h) from 15 to 40%;(i) from 30 to 60%;(j) from 45 to 70%;(k) from 60 to 80%;(l) from 65 to 85%; and(m) from 80 to 100%.	<p>Concentration ranges must be any one of those ranges or a range that falls entirely <u>within any one of those ranges (narrower ranges)</u> may be provided on the safety data sheet. If it falls entirely within <u>more than one of the concentration ranges</u> setout in subsection (3), then <u>any one of those ranges or a range that falls entirely within any one of those ranges</u> may be provided on the safety data sheet.</p> <p>Same as before</p>

SDS(Before – After)

Section 3 - Before	Section 3 - After
<p>In the case of a hazardous product that is a mixture, for each material or substance in the mixture that, individually, is classified in any category or subcategory of a health hazard class and is present above the concentration limit that is designated for the category or subcategory in which it is classified or is present in the mixture at a concentration that results in the mixture being classified in a category or subcategory of any health hazard class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) its chemical name;(b) its common name and synonyms;(c) its CAS registry number and any unique identifiers; and(d) its concentration	<p>In the case of a hazardous product that is a mixture, for each material or substance in the mixture that, individually, is classified in any category or subcategory of a health hazard class and is present above the concentration limit that is designated for the category or subcategory in which it is classified — <u>regardless of whether the material or substance contributes to the classification of the mixture as a hazardous product</u> — or is present in the mixture at a concentration that results in the mixture being classified in a <u>category or subcategory of any health hazard class</u>:</p> <p>Same as before</p>

SDS(Before – After)

Section 9 - Before		Section 9 - After	
<p>(a) appearance, such as physical state and colour;</p> <p>(b) odour;</p> <p>(c) odour threshold;</p> <p>(d) pH;</p> <p>(e) melting point and freezing point;</p> <p>(f) initial boiling point and boiling range;</p> <p>(g) flash point;</p> <p>(h) evaporation rate;</p> <p>(i) flammability, in the case of solids and gases;</p> <p>(j) upper and lower flammability or explosive limits;</p>	<p>(k) vapour pressure;</p> <p>(l) vapour density;</p> <p>(m) relative density;</p> <p>(n) solubility;</p> <p>(o) partition coefficient — n-octanol/water;</p> <p>(p) auto-ignition temperature;</p> <p>(q) decomposition temperature;</p> <p>(r) viscosity</p>	<p>(a) physical state;</p> <p>(b) colour;</p> <p>(c) odour;</p> <p>(d) melting point and freezing point;</p> <p>(e) boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range;</p> <p>(f) flammability;</p> <p>(g) lower and upper explosion limit or lower and upper flammability limit;</p> <p>(h) flash point;</p> <p>(i) auto-ignition temperature;</p> <p>(j) decomposition temperature;</p>	<p>(k) pH;</p> <p>(l) kinematic viscosity;</p> <p>(m) solubility;</p> <p>(n) partition coefficient — n-octanol/water (logarithmic value);</p> <p>(o) vapour pressure;</p> <p>(p) density and relative density;</p> <p>(q) relative vapour density;</p> <p>(r) particle characteristics</p>

SDS(Before – After)

Confidential Business Information Before	Confidential Business Information After
<p>Must file a claim under the Hazardous Material Information Review Act (HMIRA) to be exempted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingredient' Chemical Identity Ingredient' Concentration – Concentration range Name of original toxicity study Product identifier Information used to identify the supplier <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/occupational-health-safety/workplace-hazardous-materials-information-system/exemptions-confidential-business-information/filing-claim.html</p> <p><u>Variable fees/number of products-renewable each 3 years</u></p> <p>When obtained: Ingredient chemical family with an asterisk* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMIRA RN: 12345 Decision Granted Date MM/DD/YYYY </p>	<p>Exemption from disclosing the supplier is granted under an HMIRA claim then this information must be replaced in the Safety Data Sheet AND on the Label.</p> <p><u>Code Name or Code Number of the supplier</u></p>

SDS/Label(Before – After)

Significant New Data - Before	Significant New Data - After
<p>90 days after a SND is known a new SDS must be provided with the new significant data and the date at which it became known by the supplier.</p>	<p>After a SND is known a DOCUMENT must be provided with the new significant data and the date at which it became available and appends that document to the safety data sheet</p>
<p>180 days after a SND is known a new LABEL must be provided with the new significant data and the date at which it became known by the supplier.</p>	<p>After a SND is known a DOCUMENT must be provided with the new significant data and the date at which it became available.</p>

Important Information

1- Three years to comply ends December 15th, 2025.

(Will it be prolonged based on the US Final Rule adoption?)

2- Additional Precautionary Statements for Pyrophoric liquids and solids must be shown on the label.

3- A supplemental Hazard Statement is required for Water-Activated Toxicity when the Acute Toxicity criteria is not met.

4- Combination of hazard statements or omission of non-applicable precautionary statements also apply to SDSs (not only on Labels).

5- The requirement that if a more severe symbol, signal word and/or hazard statement are required to be disclosed, there is no requirement to also disclose the less severe symbol, signal word and/or hazard statement now also applies to safety data sheets.

Compliance' Check Tools

To check compliance of the SDS, section by section go to:

<https://whmis.org/sds/>

To check compliance of the Label, go to:

<https://whmis.org/lct/>

The WHMIS Revision 7 Technical Guidance Manual:

Still not issued as of September 1st, 2023

To check issuance of the Manual above and to click the above links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/occupational-health-safety/workplace-hazardous-materials-information-system/program-newsletter/june-2023.html>

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