



GHS In Canada

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Presenter biography

Dr. Kim Godard is the Director of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Bureau. This Bureau of Health Canada is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) for workplace chemicals; as well as the administration of the exemption mechanism for trade secret in Canada.

Before joining the program, Kim held various roles within the Health Portfolio including that of Associate Director of the inspection program for pharmaceuticals, and Senior Advisor in the area of Tobacco Control. Kim's academic background is in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.



Presentation abstract

Health Canada is currently leading multiple projects to continuously support the Department's mandate to protect the safety and health of Canadian workers. Notably, Health Canada will provide updates on two key ongoing regulatory initiatives, including amendments to the *Hazardous Products Regulations* to further align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling for chemicals and the modernization of the *Hazardous Material Information Review Act*. Health Canada will also outline the process and steps required for filing a claim for exemption for confidential business information, and discuss work being undertaken related to classification and compliance and enforcement.