

WHMIS 2015
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Presenter biography

Roslynn joined Health Canada in 2009 as a Senior Regulatory Policy and Risk Management Advisor in the National Office of WHMIS. In that position, she played a leading role in the development of the draft legislation and regulations to implement the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in Canada. She also represented Canada at negotiations of the GHS by the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS. In 2014, she became the Manager of the Assessment, Compliance and Enforcement Division in WHMB, responsible for oversight of the WHMIS claims for exemption operational program, as well as national coordination of compliance and enforcement. Roslynn has been the Director of WHMB since mid-March, 2016. Roslynn has an M.Sc. in Biochemistry from the University of Western Ontario and an M.B.A from Heriot-Watt University.

Presentation abstract

In 2015, the amended *Hazardous Products Act* (HPA) and the new *Hazardous Products Regulations* (HPR) came into force, implementing the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in Canada. The system is referred to as “WHMIS 2015”. The implementation of WHMIS 2015 is taking place gradually over a four-stage transition period and the first deadline is May 31, 2017.

Health Canada will provide an overview of the progress towards transition and products that have been made available to support compliance. In addition, work undertaken under the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) will be reviewed, as will several other ongoing initiatives by Health Canada related to WHMIS and GHS implementation.