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CRITERIA FOR A RECOMMENDED STANDARD: OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO DIACETYL AND 2,3-PENTANEDIONE

Read full article [Here](#).

SDSs and Labels-Which Language for Which Country?

Sharen B. Breyer (Galata Chemicals LLC) – SCHC HazCom Resources Committee

A recent audit of SDSs supplied with chemicals products imported into China through the port of Shanghai indicated that 84% were not compliant with Chinese GHS requirements! The Shanghai Entry/Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau found that there were five major reasons for non-compliance, with poor translations and wrong Chinese language being #1 and #2, respectively.

Wrong Chinese language? The Chinese language is quite unique. While there are well over a dozen spoken dialects of Chinese, there are only two written forms – Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese – and there are many differences in the character sets between the two forms.

In order to get your products through Customs in several Asian ports, it is important to know that China and Malaysia use the Simplified Chinese characters and that Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau use the Traditional Chinese ones. Singapore seems to take both, and what is needed there may depend more upon the preference of the individual customer rather than the requirements of the government.

For most countries, though, there is no such disconnect between the spoken and written language(s), and my favorite resource to determine what language is needed for an SDS and label is from infoplease - Languages Spoken in Each Country in the World, found [Here](#).

Using this resource, I can quickly determine if I have the phrase library needed to author SDSs and Safety labels in the official language(s) of any country when our Business Development Manager wants to do some potential customer sampling. If I do not have the capability to author documents in a primary or official language, there may be a widely-spoken alternate language that could be an acceptable substitute. This resource can be invaluable when dealing with African countries, as the official and/or widely-spoken languages are often determined by their colonial history.

So now if that new business opportunity suddenly arises in Chad, you can be confident and prepared to support it with SDSs and Labels in French and Arabic (both official).





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ECHA has published information on the classification and labeling on their website including explaining harmonized classifications. [Click Here](#) for more details.

To make it easier for poison centres to give advice in emergency situations, companies will need to put a unique formula identifier (UFI) on the labels of their hazardous mixtures. They will also have to give this identifier to the poison centres as part of the notification, which has to be in a harmonised format. The UFI generator is now available on [ECHA's Poison Centres' Website](#).

Full Article [Here](#).

Meetings

EPA Announces Public Meeting on New Chemicals Review under the Amended TSCA

On December 14th, 2016, EPA is holding a meeting to update the public on changes to the New Chemicals Review Program under the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (TSCA). EPA will describe its review process for new chemicals under the amended statute, as well as discuss issues, challenges, and opportunities that the Agency has identified in the first few months of implementation. Interested parties will have the opportunity to provide input on their experiences with the New Chemicals Review Program, including submittal of pre-manufacture notices (PMNs), microbial commercial activities notices (MCANs), and significant new use notices (SNUNs), under section 5 of the law. Information obtained during this meeting and from submitted written comments will be considered as the Agency works to implement the new requirements and increase efficiency in its review process under TSCA.

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Polaris Room, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20004

We ask that you please register for this meeting by December 13, 2016. [Register Here](#).

Memorial Thank You

Lindy Waight

"I would like to thank all the many, very thoughtful people who wrote into CHCS to pass on their condolences to me, Lindy, and the family after the untimely death of Desmond. At the time of reading them it was so overwhelming and humbling to know that Desmond had touched so many people's lives. Reading through the many comments again I am mindful of how much Desmond did in the field of hazard communication. It helped the children to understand better the vast bank of knowledge Desmond had and was willing to share with others. Closing the company now it is amazing the number of reference books he had dating back to before 2000!

So please accept the families heartfelt thanks for all your support.

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