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Changes in Chemical Reporting

The EPA is amending its hazardous chemical reporting regulations due to the changes in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). OSHA's HCS was recently revised to conform to the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

These changes in HCS affect the reporting requirements under sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Based on the new classification criteria that OSHA adopted, EPA is revising the existing hazard categories for hazardous chemical inventory form reporting under EPCRA Section 312 and for list reporting under section 311. The compliance date is January 1, 2018.

This will affect the 2017 reporting due March of 2018.

The Federal register notice is [Here](#)

OSHA, Health Canada Update Plan to Align Labelling and Classification Requirements for Hazardous Workplace Chemicals

Visit the website [Here](#)

Chemical Risk Manager Webinar on Safe Use Information for Formulators

On 9 June, Chemical Risk Manager (part of Chemical Watch) organised a webinar on Safe Use Information for Formulators. Speakers from ECHA, the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) and the Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination (DUCC) group discussed: the obligations of formulators in terms of safe use advice; practical advice on safe use information for mixtures under REACH; the lead component identification (LCID) methodology; and the DUCC document on safe use of mixtures (SUMI).

Click [Here](#) for more information

We are pleased to send you here with the link to the [LCID Methodology Tool](#) [REACH Practical Guide](#)



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Brazil Issues Draft Chemical Control Law

On June 30, 2016 Brazil's Ministry of the Environment and the National Commission on Chemical Safety issued a draft law setting requirements for the registration of industrial chemicals. The law will require registration of industrial chemicals manufactured or imported at 1 metric tonne per year or greater. The final law is expected November 2016. More information is available [Here](#).

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CA Proposition 65

On August 30, 2016, the Office of Administrative Law approved the adoption of amendments to Article 6, Clear and Reasonable Warnings, of the California Code of Regulations. This regulatory action repeals all the regulatory provisions of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, Article 6 (sections 25601 et seq.), except those added via an emergency rulemaking in April 2016 related to warnings for exposures to bisphenol A in canned foods and beverages (Sections 25603.3(f) and (g)). The action will replace the repealed sections with a new regulation divided into two new Subarticles to Article 6. The repealed and new regulations provide, among other things, methods of transmission and content of warnings deemed to be compliant with the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

The regulation will be operative on August 30, 2018. In the interim, businesses may comply with the regulation in effect on August 30, 2016, or the provisions of the new regulation.

This will allow for a reasonable transition period for businesses to begin providing warnings under the new provisions.

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New CLP Guidance Issued

This update of the Guidance on labelling and packaging in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 consists of a full revision of the guidance. The main aim of this revision was to align the guidance with the fourth and fifth Adaptations to Technical Progress (ATPs) to the CLP Regulation that brought the CLP in line with the fourth and fifth revised editions of the UN Globally Harmonised System (GHS), as well as the provisions of the ATP to CLP related to labelling and packaging of liquid laundry detergents.

Finally, the update addresses the full entry into force of the CLP Regulation and the end of the transition period for labelling mixtures according to the Dangerous Preparation Directive (DSD) and classifying their components according to the Dangerous Substances Directive (DSD).

Alignment of the guidance with the eighth ATP to CLP is the subject of a further update, for which work is already on-going.

[Guidance on CLP](#).



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Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals
for Bulk Shipments Joint Guidance
Memorandum

Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today issued a joint guidance memorandum clarifying the applicability of their respective requirements for labeling hazardous chemicals. The joint memo provides an overview of each agency's scope of authority, and guidance on the applicability of PHMSA and OSHA labeling requirements with an emphasis on bulk packaging used in transportation and in the workplace. With reference to this guidance, labeling includes all DOT placarding, signs, and other markings. PHMSA labeling requirements may be found in the U.S. Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 100-180), and OSHA labeling requirements may be found in the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012; 29 CFR § 1910.1200). For more information on DOT's efforts to improve hazardous materials safety and awareness, or to access U.S. Hazardous Materials Regulations, visit the PHMSA website at www.phmsa.dot.gov.

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Source:www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Files/joint_phmsa_memo_09192016.pdf

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REACH: List of substances
with Lead Registrants Available

ECHA has published a list of substances for which a lead registrant has been declared in REACH-IT. It includes the names of those lead registrant companies who have given their permission to publish. You can check the list to see which substances are being registered.

[Click Here](#)



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Student Reflection Letter

Dear SCHC Members,

As a student, I am grateful for opportunities where I am able to receive real world experience. As a recipient of the SCHC grant and scholarship, I was able to gain real world experience and present my results in front of the SCHC members. During this process, I was able to gain knowledge in GHS and P2OASys, as well as create a better understanding of hazard communication. In addition to this, I was able to further develop my research, data analysis and public speaking skills. I gained far more from this experience than I ever anticipated because of the support and encouragement from the SCHC members. During my time at the SCHC meeting, I was able to meet with various members of industry and government. These SCHC members helped to critique and evaluate my research, my public speaking abilities and pushed me to consider new ideas or techniques in hazard communication. After my presentation at the SCHC meeting several members were kind enough to come up and suggest improvements for future presentations. I was eternally grateful for all of your suggestions and comments! I would like to take this time to thank the SCHC and all of its members for the opportunity to enrich my learning experience and further develop my critical thinking skills.

Best Regards,

Samantha Couture

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