

**NEW OSHA
HAZCOM
Requirements!!**



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**This affects almost
every company!!**

A Guide to *The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*

The HAZCOM GHS "Purple Book"

<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html>

What is the GHS?

The GHS is an acronym for The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. The GHS is a system for standardizing and harmonizing the classification and labeling of chemicals. It is a logical and comprehensive approach to:

- Defining health, physical and environmental hazards of chemicals;
- Creating classification processes that use available data on chemicals for comparison with the defined hazard criteria; and
- Communicating hazard information, as well as protective measures, on labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

Effective Dates

The table below summarizes the phase-in dates required under the revised Hazard Communication Standard (HCS):

| Effective Completion Date | Requirement(s) | Who |
|---|--|--|
| December 1, 2013 | Train employees on the new label elements and safety data sheet (SDS) format. | Employers |
| June 1, 2015* | Compliance with all modified provisions of this final rule, except: | Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers |
| December 1, 2015 | The Distributor shall not ship containers labeled by the chemical manufacturer or importer unless it is a GHS label | |
| June 1, 2016 | Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication program as necessary, and provide additional employee training for newly identified physical or health hazards. | Employers |
| Transition Period to the effective completion dates noted above | May comply with either 29 CFR 1910.1200 (the final standard), or the current standard, or both | Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, and employers |

Go here too!! <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html>

This is where effective dates, comparisons and many other issues can be found to get the straight OSHA perspective versus the "global perspective" in the GHS Purple Book.