

Risk Control Bulletin

2012 Hazard Communication References under the Global Harmonization System



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Major changes to the Hazard Communication Standard

Hazard classification: Provides specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards, as well as classification of mixtures.

Labels: Chemical manufacturers and importers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each hazard class and category. Precautionary statements must also be provided.

Safety Data Sheets: Will now have a specified 16-section format.

OSHA Resource Links:

The following information is available from OSHA's website: <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/>

1. [December 1, 2013 Training Requirements Fact Sheet](#)
2. [OSHA Brief on Labels and Pictograms](#)



OSHA Guidance Sheets:

3. OSHA Briefs [[PDF](#) *, 260 KB]
4. [Fact Sheet](#) on the Hazard Communication Standard Final Rule
5. [Quick Cards](#)
[Safety Data Sheets](#) English [[PDF](#)* 171 KB]
Spanish [[PDF](#)* 203 KB]
[Labeling](#) [English/Spanish [PDF](#)* 447 KB]
[Pictograms](#) [English/Spanish [PDF](#)* 312 KB]
6. [Downloadable Pictograms](#) in three formats
7. Downloadable 2013 Hazard Communication Presentation [[PPTX](#)]* 61 slides

Effective Dates about Information and Training:

The table below summarizes the phase-in dates required under the revised Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). Employers are required to train workers by December 1, 2013 on the new labels elements and safety data sheets format to facilitate recognition and understanding.

Effective Completion Date	Requirement(s)	Who
December 1, 2013	Train employees on the new label elements and safety data sheet (SDS) format.	<u>Employers</u>
June 1, 2015 December 1, 2015	Compliance with all modified provisions of this final rule, except: The Distributor shall not ship containers labeled by the chemical manufacturer or importer unless it is a GHS label	<u>Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers</u>
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.	<u>Employers</u>
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	<u>Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, and employers</u>