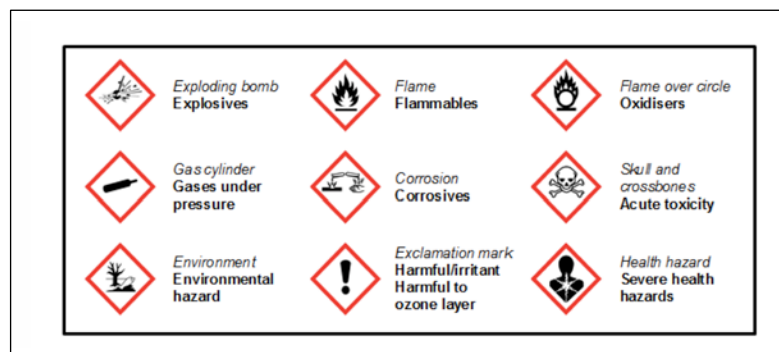


Safety Awareness

Safety Regulator Issues GHS Warning

09/09/2016



Risk: Just over three months to prepare for full implementation!

SafeWork has reminded employers that they have just over three months to prepare for the full implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

- The international system will be mandatory from 1 January 2017,
- The new chemical labelling system will make it easier for people to identify what the chemical is, how to store it and how to respond in case of exposure,
- New elements of the GHS will be included on mandatory labels and in safety data sheets, which replace materials safety data sheets,
- Manufacturers and importers of hazardous chemicals are required to reclassify and relabel chemicals and prepare revised safety data sheets by 1 January,
- End-users of chemicals won't be required to relabel existing stock in January, but "must ensure that any new supplies received from 1 January onwards are labelled in accordance with the GHS
- The GHS "does not change [a duty holder's] general duties relating to the management of hazardous chemicals in the workplace".

For additional information on the Global Harmonized system of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals see: <http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/whs-information/hazardous-chemicals/faqs/pages/faqs>

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Staff and Students are reminded to report incidents to their supervisor and/or through the HORUS/ISIS online incident notification systems.