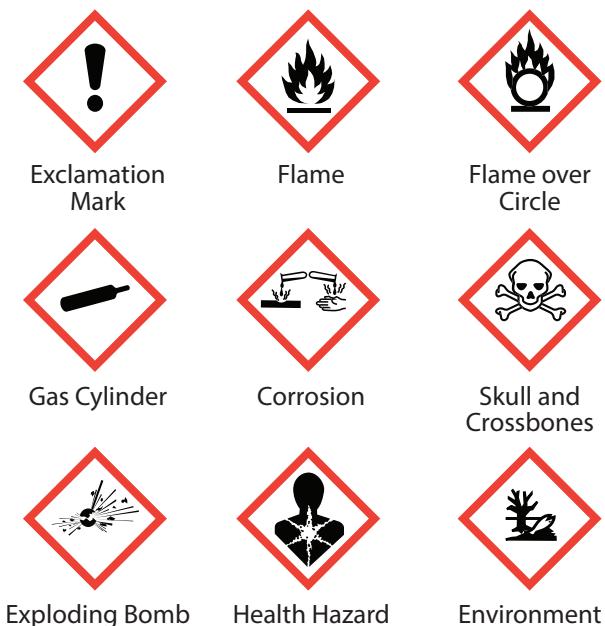


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Implementation varies by jurisdiction



TO LEARN MORE

Health Canada's GHS website:
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/whmis-simdut/faq-eng.php

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety website:
www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/ghs.html

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GHS

Globally Harmonized System
of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

COMING TO CANADA
AS PART OF WHMIS 2015 REGULATION AND REQUIREMENTS.

WHAT IS GHS AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MY BUSINESS?

The Globally Harmonized System (GHS) is an international approach to hazard communication, providing agreed criteria for classification of chemical hazards, and a standardized approach to label elements and safety data sheets. GHS is based on major existing hazard communication systems around the world, including Health Canada's Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). Aligning with the GHS provides many benefits, including:

- The new criteria for classifying chemicals are more comprehensive and detailed. This will make it easier for suppliers to indicate the severity of hazards.
- New hazard classes are included (e.g. specific target organ toxicity – single exposure and aspiration hazard).
- Standardized language on labels and safety data sheets ensure employers and workers receive the same core information about a product, regardless of supplier, and enhances their ability to understand it.
- The standardized format for safety data sheets makes information easier to find. Information is presented in a consistent manner in all safety data sheets, regardless of supplier. In addition, the information that workers and emergency responders need most appears first.
- Some of the new pictograms are considered to be more easily understood than the previous WHMIS symbols. This will improve hazard communication, particularly to workers who have difficulty reading.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN EMPLOYER?

The key responsibilities of suppliers, employers and workers are the same under WHMIS 2015. When a hazardous product is used in the workplace, employers are required to:

- Educate and train workers on the hazards and safe use of products.
- Ensure that hazardous products are properly labeled.
- Prepare workplace labels, as needed.
- Prepare SDSs, as necessary (e.g., if an employer manufactures a hazardous product that is used on-site).
- Provide access to up-to-date SDSs to workers.
- Ensure appropriate control measures are in place to protect the health and safety of workers.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM ZEP INC?

Zep Inc is prepared to help you understand GHS. While we cannot advise you on how to comply with the new WHMIS 2015 standards, we can be a knowledgeable resource for you through this transition and will be able to guide you to the information needed to operate under these new rules.

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