



3.19 Chemical Safety Management

Information Sheet : Labelling transition arrangements

Purpose

The purpose of this information sheet is to guide workers and supervisors in the labelling requirements for the period leading up to the introduction of the [Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals \(GHS\)](#) on 31 December 2016.

Q1 What items are not required to comply with the full labelling requirements?

The labelling requirements do **not** apply to:

- Hazardous chemicals which are placed into a container and used immediately.
- Hazardous chemicals which are used in household quantities and consistent with domestic use, these chemicals should at least have a name on the containers.

Q2 What is the GHS?

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is a single internationally agreed system of chemical classification and hazard communication through labelling and Safety Data Sheets (SDS). The GHS is published by the United Nations.

Q3 What do I need to do before 31 December 2016?

You will need to continue labelling chemicals (mixtures, waste, decanted) in accordance with the relevant requirements of NOHSC:2012 (1994) National Code of Practice for Labelling of Workplace Substances **or** you can choose to switch to GHS and WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) Part 2 Schedule 9. NOHSC:2012(1994) guideline.

Please Note: Chemwatch labels can print out both NOHSC and WHS compliant labels.

Q4 What do I need to do after 31 December 2016?

After this date then labelling must comply with GHS requirements and WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) refer the HSW Handbook Chapter Chemical Management Appendix G.

You **will not be** required to relabel all existing chemicals as at 31 Dec 2016 however all solutions made after this date will need to be labelled correctly.

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Q5 What is required under GHS and WHS Regulations 2012 (SA)?

All **new** chemical labels from 1 Jan 2017 **must** comply with GHS requirements and WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) Part 2 Schedule 9 (please do not relabel existing labelled chemicals). For details refer the HSW Handbook Chapter Chemical Management Appendix G.

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Further Information

If you require further information, please contact a member of the [HSW Team](#).

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