

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS



Are you
GHS ready?

New classification and
labelling of chemicals
applies from 1 January 2017.



GHS Resources Quiklinks

Item	What do you want information on?	Web link	What you will find there
General Training and awareness			
1	Powerpoint Presentation to introduce the GHS	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/whs-information/hazardous-chemicals/classifying-chemicals/pages/classification	SafeWork Australia presentation used in national workshops. Scroll down to training tools. See <i>GHS Training Part 1 – Introduction</i> .
2	13 min Video to introduce the GHS	https://www.comcare.gov.au/preventing/hazards/chemical-hazards/globally-harmonised-system-of-classification-and-labelling-of-chemicals-ghs/ghs-video	Comcare developed animated video providing useful introductory information on the GHS for general use by workplaces as part of a training and awareness program.
3	Poster showing all GHS categories under the WHS regulation (note not all GHS categories regulated under WHS).	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/classification-labelling-poster	Useful reference for identifying the GHS categories, relevant pictograms, signal words and hazard statements. Can be printed in A3 size for display. Also a 5-page A4 version.
4	Fact sheet on understanding labels	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/understanding-hazardous-chemical-labels	Useful 3-page factsheet covering label elements.
5	Fact sheet on understanding safety data sheets	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/sds%20-%20fact-sheet	Useful 5-page factsheet covering content of an SDS.
6	Placard and manifest requirements table	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/placard	Shows the placarding and manifest quantities and equivalent ADG Code classes.
7	Other useful presentations are available from UNECE	http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/presentation_e.html	PDF files covering historical background, purpose, scope and application of GHS, classification criteria, and hazard communication (labels and SDS)
8	Frequently asked questions	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/whs-information/hazardous-chemicals/faqs/pages/faqs	SWA are constantly developing FAQs to help address issues as they arise nationally.
QLD Codes of Practice			
9	SDS & Labelling	https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	Queensland versions of the National Model Codes providing guidance on the content of SDS & labels

Industry specific guidance			
10	Labelling requirements for Agricultural and veterinary (Agvet) chemicals	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/labelling-agvet-chemicals	WHS now requires certain GHS label information to be included on Agvet chemical containers. Relevant to those who manufacture, import use, handle, or store AgVet chemicals.
Classification and technical references			
11	GHS-The purple book (3 rd Ed)	http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev03/03files_e.html	UNECE website where each chapter and annex can be downloaded as PDF.
12	GHS companion guide	https://www.unitar.org/cwm/ghs/AseanProject/GHS2011Training/TrainingMaterialsPackage	UN Institute for Training and Research web page where you can obtain this useful overview document providing background information on the GHS and implementation.
13	Power point Presentation on classification	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/whs-information/hazardous-chemicals/classifying-chemicals/pages/classification	SafeWork Australia presentation used in national workshops. Scroll down to training tools. See GHS <i>Training Part 2- Classification</i> . Also find a training question sheet and answer sheet.
14	Hazardous Substance Information Systems (HSIS) database + Hazchem list with GHS classifications	http://www.hsis.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/	Searchable database managed by SWA. Search by substance and links to GHS Hazchem list containing chemicals classified in accordance with GHS by an authoritative source.
15	Pictograms	http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/pictograms.html	Provides GIF, EPS, label files for the GHS pictograms and transport equivalents
16	Classifying hazardous chemicals	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/whs-information/hazardous-chemicals/classifying-chemicals/pages/classification	Web page with tools and references to assist duty holders to classify under the GHS and translate from former systems.
17	Classification Guide	http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/guidance-classification-whs-regulations	SWA Guidance is intended for manufacturers and importers of substances, mixtures and articles