

GUIDE FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

WHMIS 2015



The adoption of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in WHMIS harmonized Canada's chemical hazard communication system with those of other countries. This is a guide to WHMIS 2015 components.

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Employers must continue to educate and train employees about hazardous products in their workplace after harmonization. Revised training programs, developed in consultation with the Joint Health and Safety Committee, will include:

- New hazard pictograms¹;
- New hazard classes²;
- New labels and their required elements, such as signal words and precautionary statements³;
- The meaning of all signal words and hazard statements found on labels and SDSs in the workplace;
- The new SDS format and how to locate information needed to work safely with a product; and
- Worksite-specific training on measures to work safely with hazardous products.

After the transition period, SDSs and labels for products originating within and outside Canada will share common elements, simplifying education and training.



