

LEHDER Environmental Services

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals – Legislative Update

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Legislative Update

As part of the Economic Action Plan 2014, the Government of Canada tabled [new legislation on March 28, 2014](#) that intended to improve the level of protection for workers handling hazardous materials in the workplace. This legislation received Royal Assent on June 19, 2014.

The proposed legislative changes to the [Hazardous Products Act](#) (HPA) are an important step in Canada's implementation of the [Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals](#) (GHS) for workplace chemicals; a system currently being [implemented internationally](#), including the United States, Europe, Australia and China.

Canada anticipates adoption of GHS by June 1, 2015. The Government of Canada has tabled the Hazardous Products Regulations, along with a Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement, in the [Canada Gazette, Part 1](#) on August 9, 2014. Health Canada is working on finalizing these Regulations (Canada Gazette, Part 2) by December 1, 2014. Industry wishing to comment on these proposed regulatory amendments must do so by September 8, 2014.

LEHDER's GHS Classroom and On-Site Training

LEHDER also provides regularly scheduled GHS training courses in Ontario and Alberta. The course will outline the purpose, scope and application of the GHS, what has transpired to date and how to implement the GHS in Canada. LEHDER recommends Plant Managers, Environmental Health & Safety Managers/Co-ordinators, Warehouse and Distribution Managers/Co-ordinators and R&D/Laboratory Personnel attend GHS training sessions. Customized training solutions are also available for your facility.

LEHDER will be adding additional public courses to our training schedule as regulations are finalized in the Canada Gazette. If you wish to be advised of upcoming course additions, simply send an email to info@lehder.com.

LEHDER's full regulatory training schedule, course outlines and registration can be found [here](#).

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LEHDER's GHS eLearning

Due to the implementation of the GHS in Canada, LEHDER has responded to the expected needs of our clients and will be offering GHS courses online early this fall. These courses will provide our clients with an understanding of how WHMIS will be impacted by the GHS and how to prepare for its implementation. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

LEHDER's GHS Services

Based on our extensive experience with the classification and labeling of hazardous materials, LEHDER can assess your facility to determine how the GHS will impact documentation and labeling requirements for your products. Further, we can conduct a training needs assessment in order to prepare and deliver customized GHS training applicable to your product line(s).

Questions

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LEHDER Environmental Services is an environmental consulting company focused on providing Excellence in Industrial Air Quality Services. Formed in 1995, LEHDER is now one of the largest Air Quality Management companies in Canada.

All Air Quality aspects – source testing, emission inventories, air dispersion modeling, data interpretation and approval applications – are managed internally without outsourcing and partnering.

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