

GHS REVISIONS: ARE YOU PREPARED?

DECEMBER 1, 2013 TRAINING DEADLINE

The U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) is requiring all of your employees who handle chemicals to receive training in updated Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) changes established by the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

We can point you to low- to no-cost resources ISSA has developed for you and your customers at issa.com/ghstraining.



YOUR EMPLOYEES MUST BE TRAINED

All employees, in any workplace, who handle hazardous chemicals—whether they are manufactured, used, transported, or stored—must be trained by December 1, 2013 on the new Global Harmonization System (GHS) hazard communication requirements. These updates will be adopted as part of a global effort to standardize the following items across multiple countries:

- Pictograms, labels, and signal words used in labels
- Hazard and precautionary statements
- Classifications for health and physical hazards, as well as classifications of mixtures
- Expands the safety data sheets (SDS), formerly known as material safety data sheets (MSDS) to a specific 16-section format



The December 1 training requirement is intended to prepare employees to understand this updated standard, which will increase worker comprehension of vital information and improve safety in the workplace.

A LOW-COST TRAINING OPTION

ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, of which we are a member, offers an affordable, user-friendly online training option that:

- Trains, tests, and tracks results
- Offers easy-to-understand explanations of the requirements
- Details where to find data prior to hazardous chemical use
- Provides employees with Certificates of Completion

Visit issa.com/ghsonline to register your employees for this online class and meet these new requirements with less disruption to your operations. The course that complies with the December 1 training deadlines is called “Hazard Communication 2012 SDS, Pictograms, and Label Elements.”

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