

Globally Harmonised System (GHS) Training Series 2010- GHS Chemical Users Course

INTRODUCTION

Chemical products can have potentially adverse effects on people or on the environment. Consequently, many countries have developed laws that require chemicals to be classified and the hazard information to be communicated through labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). While these laws are similar in many aspects, their differences are significant enough to result in quite different classifications, labels and MSDS for the same product in different countries.

Therefore, a common and coherent approach is needed to define and classify hazards, and also to communicate the hazard information on labels and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). As a result, the United Nations has developed the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

The purpose of the GHS is to enhance the protection of humans against hazardous chemicals as well as to facilitate international trade in that all chemicals moving into and out of a country will be classified, packaged and labelled in accordance with a globally harmonised system.

The GHS Chemical Classification and Labelling is an UN-developed system for hazard communication through harmonised provisions for standardised labels and safety data sheets (SDS). It is a prescriptive system created and driven by the United Nations (UN) and was endorsed in 2002 by the UN World Summit for Sustainable Development. The international mandate is to roll out GHS implementation by countries by 2008 and countries are encouraged to implement the GHS by then. So far more than 65 Countries are adopting it, in which Singapore is one of them.

All companies from any industry that manufacture, distribute, supply and use hazardous chemicals would be impacted by GHS and this is especially so for a trading nation like Singapore.

In part of the Singapore GHS capacity building efforts, a multi-agency taskforce chaired by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and co-chaired by SCIC was formed in late 2005 to coordinate Singapore's implementation of GHS. SCIC has also been appointed by the taskforce to undertake GHS cross-industries training.

The Singapore Standard SS 586 : 2008 on the Hazard Communication for Hazardous Chemicals and Dangerous Goods which was launched on 23 October 2008 , will also provide guidance for Singapore's implementation of Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

OBJECTIVES

The course is to provide personnel from companies dealing with chemicals (chemical users) with guidance on the understanding the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) system, the processes of chemical classification and hazards communication through the use of labels and safety data sheets according to the requirements of the GHS.

The course also hopes to provide a forum for professionals and practitioners in the chemical industry to interact and exchange experiences.

COURSE TOPICS

The training course will encompass the following topics:

- **The GHS Background**
 - What, why and purpose
 - International mandate
 - Implementation
- **The Chemical Users**
 - Are you a chemical user?
 - Obligations of chemical users?
- **The scope of the GHS**
 - Classification criteria
 - Hazard communication through Labels & Safety data sheets (SDS)
- **The GHS implementation**
 - GHS application
 - Competent authority
 - Suppliers
 - Sectors of implementation
- **The GHS in Singapore**
 - Development
 - Possible road map
 - The GHS in other countries

COURSE DETAILS & SCHEDULE

Date : 30 September 2010 (Thursday)

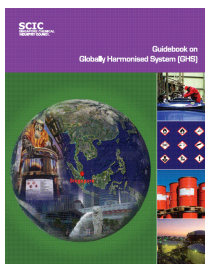
Time : 9 am to 5 pm

Venue : Singapore Polytechnic Graduates' Guild (SPGG)
1010 Dover Road (S) 139658 (Please refer to the map as attached)

Note: Seats are limited and would be on first-come-first serve basis.

The GHS Chemical Users Course would be awarded a total of 7 SDU points under the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme for Registered Workplace Safety & Health Officers.

Course material, coffee breaks, lunch and a Guidebook on the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals would be provided in this course.



This guidebook prepared by a Work Group appointed by SCIC will provide guidance for GHS classification, labelling and SDS for Singapore. It will help the readers to understand how chemicals are classified under the GHS, the proper way to label a container, and the information to be provided in SDS.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Fee : S\$ 200 for SCIC members and S\$ 350 for Non members

To Register for the course

All participants are kindly required to complete the enclosed registration form & return via fax: 6278 9326. A confirmation email will be sent to you upon receiving your registration. Should you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact the SCIC Secretariat Office at 6278 6037 or email us at secretariat@scic.sg

Attention: Mohana Kumar (Fax: 6278 9326); (Tel: 6278 6037)

Registration Deadline: 22 Sept 2010*

(*Seats are limited, registration will be on a first-come first-served basis)

REGISTRATION FORM

Training Course on Globally Harmonised System (GHS) – The Chemical Users Course

30 September 2010 (Thursday), 9 am to 5pm, SPGG

(A) Participant’s details

Note: A confirmation email will be sent to the email address(es) provided by the participant upon receiving the registration form. Please ensure that the email address is clearly indicated.

Company			
Name	Email	Designation	Tel
<i>Additional participants, if any:</i>			

Special dietary requests (i.e Muslim meals/Vegetarian) if any:	
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(B) Invoicing details

Please tick **one** of the following:

- My company is a member of SCIC/Tertiary Institutions/ Government Agencies*
- My company is non-member of SCIC

*Delete whichever not applicable

Invoice to be attn to			
Billing address			
Email		Tel	

We confirm		participant (s)
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*An invoice will be sent to the company before the start of course.

Please arrange for cheque payment to be made payable to:
“Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited”
 and mail to
 Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited
 120 Lower Delta Road, #10-12
 Cendex Centre Singapore 169208
 Attention: Wennie Amedo

Note:

- **NO CANCELLATIONS** are allowed upon registration. No-shows will be billed. Replacement is acceptable through written notice within 7 days before the commencement of the session.
- All registrations will be taken as confirmed and will be billed accordingly
- Incomplete forms will not be entertained.
- SCIC reserves the right to change/cancel any part of the programme.
- Seats are on first come first serve basis and are limited.