

New Hazard Classification Requirements

The revision to the HCS requires suppliers to use the same classification criteria for each type of health and physical hazard as required by GHS. Detailed instructions for evaluation, classification, categorization of the hazards and use of label elements are provided in the mandatory Appendices A, B, C, D, and F of the standard ([T8CCR 5194](#)).

Safety Data Sheets Format

Safety data sheets (SDS) have replaced material safety datasheets (MSDS). Suppliers now must prepare safety data sheets for their products that follow a standardized 16-section format in conveying information about a hazardous chemical's health effects and physical and chemical characteristics.

Safety Data Sheet

1. Identification of the substance or mixture and of the supplier
2. Hazards identification
3. Composition/information on ingredients
4. First aid measures
5. Firefighting measures
6. Accidental release measures
7. Handling and storage
8. Exposure controls/personal protection.
9. Physical and chemical properties
10. Stability and reactivity
11. Toxicological information
12. Ecological information
13. Disposal considerations
14. Transport information
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information including information on preparation and revision of the SDS

program, which includes a list of hazardous chemicals known to be present, container labels, safety data sheets, and employee information and training. Safety data sheets must be immediately available to employees.

New Employee Training Requirements

New requirements include training on the meaning of the new label elements, the new safety data sheet format, and any newly identified physical or health hazards.

All employers must continue to provide information and training to their employees about the hazardous chemicals the employees may be exposed to in the workplace. The information and training must be provided at the time of their initial assignment and whenever a new chemical hazard is introduced.

Additional Information

- Additional Cal/OSHA standards were affected as a result of GHS adoption. For more information visit the Cal/OSHA Standards Boards website at www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/oshsb.html
- Key resources and training materials are found at the Federal OSHA's Hazard Communication website at: www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html

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Written Hazard Communication Program

As before, it remains the employer's responsibility to develop and implement a written hazard communication (HAZCOM)