



Chemical Hazards
Communication Society

CHCS TRAINING

Module 50
***GHS – THE BASICS OF THE UN
SCHEME***



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Registration from 09.00
Start 09.30
Close 16.30

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The UN GHS is now firmly agreed and is in the course of introduction across the world. It will form the basis the new EU scheme which is about to be finally agreed and launched. This CHCS module is designed to provide a solid foundation of understanding of both the political and technical details of the scheme.

Who should attend?

This module is aimed at hazard communication practitioners who are familiar with the current EU supply scheme and who wish to prepare for the next major change. It may also be of interest to those involved in the transport of hazardous chemicals who wish to understand the background to proposed changes in the dangerous goods regime.

The module was first presented in 2006 and has been revised and updated for this presentation. However those who came to the previous round of presentations should not attend again. CHCS is planning further training for the new EU CLP Regulation and details will be circulated when available.

Benefits of attending

The GHS will transform the existing EU scheme for classification and labelling. It will be progressively introduced worldwide. But its introduction is proving to be controversial and complex. By attending this course you will be in the forefront of those who understand the reasons for these challenges, you will be able to provide informed comment on the changes, and you will be ready to work with the new regime when and wherever it emerges. To ensure the most effective training with optimum involvement in participative exercises, there will be a limit of 14 on the number of students.

IOSH members are entitled to include this module in their continuing professional development records.

What you will learn

On completion of the course attendees will have an understanding of:

- The policy and technical background of the GHS and its development
- The technical details of the scheme in key areas
- The legal features of the scheme
- Problematic and incomplete aspects
- A view on future developments
- The relationship between GHS and national / regional plans
- The specific problems in the EU
- How to keep up to date on developments

A full set of handouts will be provided as part of the course and we also plan to provide information on a CD for future reference.

Although ***not essential*** delegates may wish to bring with them a copy of the “Purple Book”, the UN document setting out the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The latest (second revised) edition is obtainable from:

http://www.unece.org/pub_cat/order_form.pdf

It can be downloaded from the UN website at:

http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev02/02files_e.html

The course will focus on Parts 1 – 3 of the UN Publication.

Module Tutor

The module will be presented by [Bob Warner](#), who has been involved in the development of the GHS since 1993. He was the UK representative at the UN Committee of Experts on GHS until his retirement from HSE in 2005. Since then he has been an independent consultant on REACH and GHS. His work has included supporting and advising the European Commission on the technical aspects of the new EU scheme to introduce the GHS. Bob is a UNITAR nominated Expert on GHS.

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