



THE 10th REVISED GHS EDITION NOW RELEASED

The tenth edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, also known as GHS, has been revised and published on the website of the [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe](#).

GHS defines and classifies the different hazards of marketed products and communicates health and safety information using product labels and safety data sheets.

GHS's mission is to harmonize the criteria for hazard classifications and to standardize the content and format of safety data sheets and labels and that are used worldwide, to ease consumers' understanding of the risks that are linked to the products.

Concerning the communication of hazards and warning information by means of labels and safety data sheets, the GHS specifies that specific information must be brought to the attention of consumers via a label and safety data sheets (SDS) which contain 16 sections and specific information.

This tenth edition of the GHS includes the amendments that were adopted at the eleventh session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the GHS.

The 10th edition of the GHS contains various new or revised provisions addressing:

- The classification procedure for desensitized explosives
- The use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards
- Further rationalization of precautionary statements to improve users' comprehensibility while taking into account usability for labelling practitioners
- Review of guidance documents on aquatic environment hazards and on the transformation/dissolution of metals and metal compounds in aqueous environments

Building upon this increasingly comprehensive foundation, GHS helps consumers better understand these criteria, while also facilitating trade.

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