

# Globally Harmonized Systems (GHS)

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- •GHS provides standardized safety and health information (Product Labeling, Safety Data Sheets)
- •Hazard Communication makes you safer by being aware of the chemicals around you in the workplace.
- Chemicals can have both physical and health hazards

#### What is an MSDS?

- ➤ Government regulation that requires manufacturers to produce a document explaining the characteristics of a chemical they produce, its qualities, risks, etc.
- ➤ OSHA requires a copy of MSDS sheets to be kept on file at each facility for each hazardous chemical present in the workplace.

These are normally kept in an MSDS binder to make them available to all employees.

# **Upcoming Changes**

## 1) Manufacturer Labels

✓ Significant changes to the appearance of the warning label, with pictograms

## 2) Safety Data Sheets

√16 part New Format

## **Pictograms**

**Hazard pictograms** form part of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

Hazard pictograms are one of the key elements for the labeling of containers under the GHS, along with:

- >an identification of the product;
- ➤ a signal word either DANGER or WARNING where necessary
- ➤ hazard statements, indicating the nature and degree of the risks posed by the product
- precautionary statements, indicating how the product should be handled to minimize risks to the user (as well as to other people and the general environment)
- >the identity of the supplier (who might be a manufacturer or importer)

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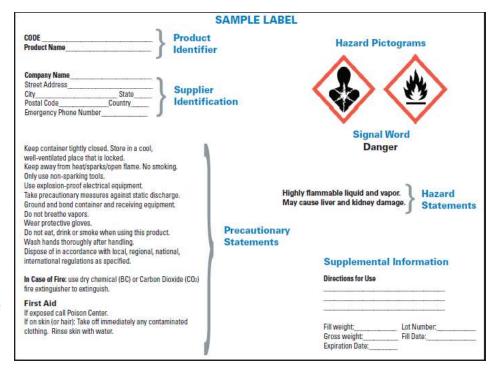
Health Hazard	Flame	Exclamation Mark
Carcinogen Mutagenicity Reproductive Toxicity Respiratory Sensitizer Target Organ Toxicity Aspiration Toxicity	Flammables     Pyrophorics     Self-Heating     Emits Flammable Gas     Self-Reactives     Organic Peroxides	Irritant (skin and eye)     Skin Sensitizer     Acute Toxicity (harmful)     Narcotic Effects     Respiratory Tract Irritant     Hazardous to Ozone Layer (Non Mandatory)
Gas Cylinder	Corrosion	Exploding Bomb
Gases under Pressure	Skin Corrosion/ burns     Eye Damage     Corrosive to Metals	Explosives     Self-Reactives     Organic Peroxides
Flame over Circle	Environment (Non Mandatory)	Skull and Crossbones
Oxidizers	Aquatic Toxicity	Acute Toxicity (fatal or toxic)

## What is on a GHS - Compliant Label?

You will find the following information elements on chemical labels:

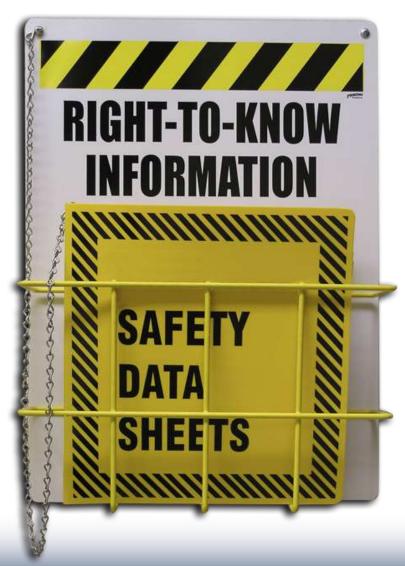
- Product identifier
- Supplier identification
- Signal word
- Pictogram
- Hazard statement
- Precautionary statement
- Supplemental information

Labels give you a snapshot of the risks associated with a chemical.



## **Safety Data Sheets**

- SDS replaces MSDS
- 16-section format
- More complete information
- Binders do not need to be replaced at this time.



## **Section 1-8 Safety Data Sheets**

**Section 1: Chemical and Supplier Information** 

**Section 2: Hazards Identification** 

**Section 3: Composition and Information on Ingredients** 

**Section 4: First Aid Measures** 

**Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures** 

**Section 6: Accidental Releases Measures** 

**Section 7: Handling and Storage** 

**Section 8: Exposure Controls and PPE** 

## **Section 9-16 Safety Data Sheets**

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties** 

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity** 

**Section 11: Toxicological Information** 

**Section 12: Ecological Information** 

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations** 

**Section 14: Transportation Information** 

**Section 15: Regulatory Information** 

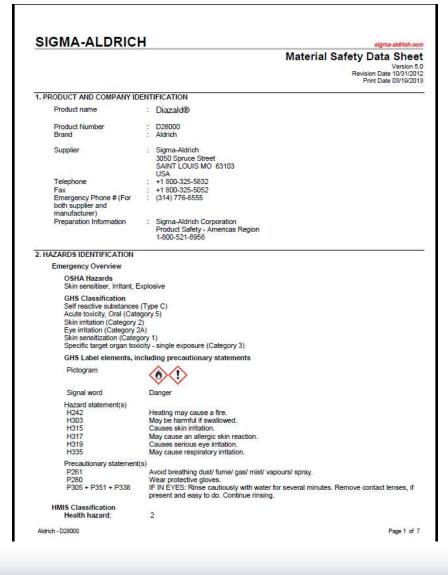
**Section 16: Other Information** 

## **Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets**

#### **SAMPLE**

Section 1, Identification includes product identifier; manufacturer or distributor name, address, phone number; emergency phone number; recommended use; restrictions on use.

Section 2, Hazard(s) identification includes all hazards regarding the chemical; required label elements.



# **Employee Responsibilities**

- Read and interpret labels and SDSs
- Follow employer instructions and warnings
- Identify hazards before starting a job
- Participate in training

