

Liability Risks for Chemical Manufacturers and Sellers

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Presenter biography

Kenneth Ross is one of the world's most experienced and well-known lawyers and consultants practicing in the areas of product safety, product liability prevention, and regulatory compliance. For over 30 years, he has advised U.S. and foreign manufacturers, product sellers, and the insurance industry on ways to identify, evaluate, minimize and avoid the risk of liability, especially product liability, regulatory liability and contractual liability. This advice is provided during product development as well as after sale.

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Presentation abstract

Chemicals present a variety of legal risks to chemical manufacturers, manufacturers who utilize the chemicals, chemical sellers, and employers who use products with chemicals or the chemicals themselves. Potential liability arises mostly in the areas of product liability and workplace safety.

This presentation will discuss both types of potential liability and ways to minimize the risk. This will include a discussion of the new GHS requirements and how compliance or non-compliance can potentially create liability risks. In addition, Ken will discuss how an industrial chemical can be considered a consumer product and subject to the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and what to do about dual use labels for consumer and industrial products.