Canadian GHS Update

Emily Walter, Regulatory Specialist ICC Compliance Center Inc.

Presenter biography

Emily is a regulatory consultant for ICC Compliance Center Inc., working out of Niagara Falls, New York. She has over 10 years of experience in hazardous materials/dangerous goods training and specializes in 49 CFR, IATA, IMDG, TDG, OSHA HazCom and the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

When Emily is not training, she is authoring safety data sheets and creating label text for customers. Her expertise extends to U.S. OSHA HazCom 1994 and 2012, Canadian Hazardous Products Act/Controlled Products Regulations (WHMIS), and Canada Consumer Chemicals and Container Regulations.

In addition to her practical experience and continuing education seminars, Emily has a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science from the State University of New York College at Buffalo. Her studies there included a concentration in Environmental Sciences.

Presentation abstract

Health Canada has proposed that the existing Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) be repealed and replaced with new regulations, the Hazardous Product Regulations (HPR). The proposed new HPR would implement the GHS classification criteria and hazard communication elements into the Canadian legislation. The goal of the HPR is to align as closely as possible with the 3rd revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals as well as OSHA's HazCom 2012 standard.

In this presentation, we will discuss the proposed HPR and the projected schedule for implementation. Focus will be on the areas where the HPR is expected to differ from the GHS or HazCom 2012.