



Latin America Regulatory Updates

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Presenter Biography

Ms. Owen advises companies with factories and products in Latin America. Born and raised in Mexico, Melissa Owen is an international lawyer licensed in the U.S. who speaks Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, and English. Her knowledge of the cultural, language, and legal dimensions in both Latin America and the U.S. have made her uniquely suited to guide her multinational clients through the complex and rapidly changing world of environmental, sustainability, and health and safety matters in the region. For over 25 years, she has advised Fortune 100 companies as well as international trade associations on emerging chemical regulations, Circular Economy, Extended Producer Responsibility, product stewardship and a myriad of other regulatory topics. She is a recognized expert on law in Latin America and a frequent speaker at international events about issues ranging from law for inhouse counsel to emerging chemical regulations.

Presentation Abstract

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The Latin American region is in the middle of a sea change in both how it regulates industrial chemicals and how it handles hazard communication. Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Peru have all adopted “REACH”-inspired national laws that require registration, risk assessment, and eventual risk management measures for chemical products that up to now were to some extent unregulated. More and more countries in the region are adopting – or fulling implementing – the GHS. Hazard communications professionals that understand this interplay are an invaluable resource in short supply. Attendees will walk away with a greater understanding of both Latin American “REACH” law – and the GHS systems that support them.