



GHS Updates Around the Globe

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Presenter biography

With over 40 years of global regulatory compliance experience, Darlene's expertise is deep in many areas, and she currently serves as Senior Regulatory Scientist at UL. Darlene has held several leadership positions, where she managed the various teams responsible for UL's Regulatory Database, hazard communication services, consulting services and technical training programs. Her experience in regulatory compliance is across multiple industrial sectors: laboratory chemicals, water treatment chemicals, specialty chemicals, polymers, paints and coatings, wood treatment and petroleum-based products.

Prior to joining UL, Darlene was Director Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance at Fisher Scientific, Director of Product Regulatory Affairs at Calgon Corporation, Manager of Information Services/Toxicologist, Koppers and Toxicologist, Gulf Oil Corporation.

She completed two terms on the SCHC Board of Directors (serving as Chairperson of the SCHC Board for the 2011-12 term) and additionally served as Vice President, President and Past President.



Presentation abstract

The initial publication of the United Nation's Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling, better known as the Purple Book, was released in early 2003. In the eighteen years since its issuance, it has been revised 8 times with numerous countries implementing various revisions of GHS. In fact many of the early adopters have issued amendments to keep aligned with the most recent version of the Purple Book. Due to the length of time that has passed, implementation deadlines have passed for many countries. Nonetheless, there are countries or whole regions which have only begun the implementation process with initial deadlines not yet reached. Other countries are still working on drafting implementing regulations.

This presentation will provide an overview of the status of implementation of GHS around the world and conclude with an observation of trends in GHS implementation.