

Observations: UN Global List Pilot Project Versus Published GHS Classifications

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Presenter biography

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Before joining the Solicitor's Office in 2007, he handled trial and appellate matters in private practice, and also worked in the Civil Appeals Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

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Presentation abstract

Mr. Baird will provide background and recent developments about the UN GHS Sub-Committee's ongoing study of the possibility of developing a global list of chemical classifications.