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Start 2025 as an Active SCHC Member!

November kicks off our end-of-year Membership campaign. We're very pleased to have so many current members renewing their membership for 2025, and the chance to welcome back lapsed members, and meet new members who get to start their membership now through December 31, 2025. Upcoming Membership benefit: SCHC Members can attend the [December 9th CHCS webinar](#) at no-cost. SCHC Members receive perks from our SCHC Alliance partners year-round.

News from OSHA

- [MACOSH Dec 3 Meeting](#) and [Committee Nominations Due Jan 6](#)
- [Statement Issued Regarding 2023 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Death](#)

Mark Your Calendar

- NEW** December 9, 2024 - CHCS Webinar: [Hazards Communication - Are We All Talking The Same Language?](#)
- December 11-12, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [The Extended SDS, Understanding Exposure Scenarios](#)
- December 16-17, 2024 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Labelling](#)
- NEW** March 10-11, 2025 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Basic SDS Writing](#)
- NEW** March 12-13, 2025 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Introduction to European and UK Chemical Regulation](#)

Find [Member Discount Codes](#) under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab



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Thank You For Your Nominations!

SCHC Newsworthy: Canadian HazCom Variances

Thank You For Your Nominations!

A quick thank you to everyone who submitted Board Nominations by the beginning of November. The Nominating Committee is reviewing each entry and compiling information for the upcoming 2025 SCHC voting period.



Want to learn more about the path to leadership and the nominating process? Explore schc.org/nominating.

SCHC Newsworthy: Canadian HazCom Variances

Keep in mind SCHC.org's [Newsworthy](#) page (link can be found on the purple side menu) for important updates.



We recently added a helpful link: [Variances between Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations and US's HazCom Standard](#)

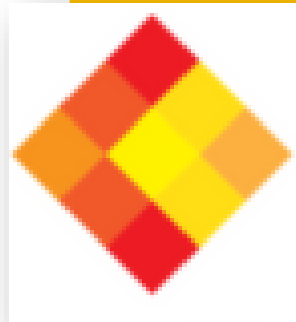
It includes a summary table outlining the [key variances between Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations and the United States Hazard Communication Standard](#) that is now available on Canada.ca.



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New CHCS Webinar

CHCS Newsletter



New CHCS Webinar

On December 9th, the Chemical Hazards Communication Society and The British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals combine for a [joint webinar](#) to talk about Hazards Communication and the perspective from ADR (transport) and CLP (supply).

Join Gill Pagliuca and Mark Spence to talk about when the labelling requirements apply and why, and when they are they same or different and why.

SCHC Members can attend this event at no-cost.

CHCS Newsletter

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletter by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the schc.org/CHCS page, and scrolling to the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit.

November Edition

- UK Government updates chemical management advice
- Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 laid before Parliament
- DEFRA releases updated illustrative EPR for Packaging Fees
- European Commission call for members for the Ecodesign Forum
- Six per cent of cosmetic products inspected containing hazardous substances banned under POPs and REACH regulations
- EU revision to the REACH Regulation in progress
- Revised regulation on detergents and surfactants, state of play
- CHCS Webinars & Events
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NIOSH Webinar: Hazard Review

NIOSH Launches New Center for Firefighter Safety and Health

NIOSH Webinar: Hazard Review

On September 13, 2024, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published a notice in the Federal Register [[89FR74960](#)] requesting public comment and technical review of the draft [Hazard Review: Wildland Fire Smoke Exposures Among Farmworkers and Other Outdoor Workers](#). Written comments were to be received by November 12, 2024. NIOSH is extending the public comment period to January 10, 2025.

NIOSH will convene an informational webinar to present an overview of the draft Hazard Review document and describe its content and purpose. The webinar is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada). Attendees are requested to register in advance for this webinar at the following link: https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_InOhz1wMTNyr_06z1hYgRw

NIOSH Launches New Center for Firefighter Safety and Health

NIOSH has launched a new, virtual [Center for Firefighter Safety, Health, and Well-being](#). With the goal of better protecting firefighters, the Center aims to identify and prevent new and emerging hazards earlier and faster.



Virtual center visitors can find key points of “How NIOSH protects firefighters”, such as Hazardous exposures, including PFAS.

NIOSH is exploring the materials burned, fire conditions, and the substances used when putting out fires. These include PFAS in firefighting foam and turnout gear. NIOSH is also studying the impact on firefighters' exposures and risk levels.



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CA Prop 65: Proposal to Increase Restrictions on 1,3-D.

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The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued the following notice in November:

[The Department of Pesticide Regulation \(DPR\) proposes regulations developed with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to increase restrictions on the use of the pesticide 1,3-D](#) (this page will load in Spanish and can be readily translated.) An [announcement](#) was published regarding proposed changes to 1,3-Dichloropropene regulations. The proposed regulations can be viewed on [DPR's website](#).



DPR will accept written comments regarding the proposed changes from November 15, 2024, through January 24, 2025. Comments may be submitted online through the SmartComment public comment portal.

DPR will host public hearings on the proposed rulemaking in January 2025. An informational presentation on the proposed regulations will be provided immediately prior to the formal hearing on the rulemaking and the collection of public comments.

VISALIA

Wednesday, January 8, 5:45 PM presentation, 6-8 PM hearing

VIRTUAL

Friday, January 10, 9:45 AM presentation, 10 AM (Pacific Time) Zoom hearing (Virtual)

Direct link: <https://bit.ly/3BT8PqR>

Webinar ID: 845 7679 6884

SALINAS

Thursday, January 16 5:45 PM presentation, 6-8 PM audience

CHICO

Tuesday, January 21, 5:45 PM presentation, 6-8 PM audience



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EPA Releases Updated Resources to Ensure Renters and Buyers are Informed of Lead Hazards

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In November, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced updated sample lead disclosure forms that will give renters and homebuyers clearer and more specific information about lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in pre-1978 housing they

are considering buying or renting. EPA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) also updated a factsheet concerning lead disclosure.

These updates are part of EPA's ongoing efforts to reduce lead exposure risks and enhance public health protections by ensuring tenants and buyers are informed about potential lead hazards in their homes.

Per the announcement, there is no safe level of lead exposure, particularly for children. In children, lead can severely harm mental and physical development, slow down learning, and irreversibly damage the brain. In adults, lead can cause increased blood pressure, heart disease, decreased kidney function, and may cause cancer.



[View and download the updated sample lead disclosure forms.](#)

[View and download the Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Rule Fact Sheet.](#)

Find more information via the [EPA's Lead pages](#), [Real Estate Disclosures about Potential Lead Hazards](#), and EPA's newest pages of [Lead Exposure Risk Mapping](#).



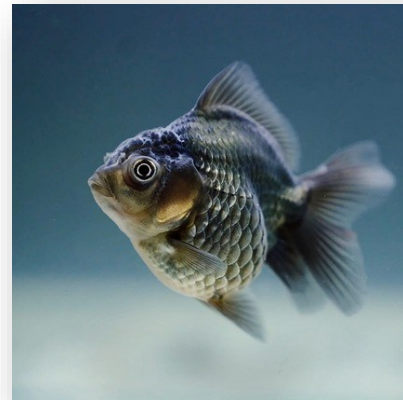
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IUCLID Service Update

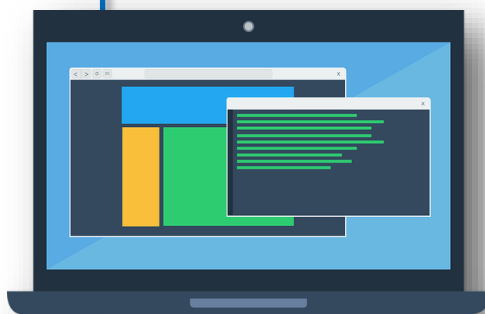
ECHA: Alternative to Using Fish in Toxicity Testing

ECHA [announced](#) its efforts to explore one potential alternative method to current aquatic toxicity testing of chemicals involving the use of fish. ECHA has contracted the Fraunhofer Institute to examine whether the Fish Embryo Toxicity (FET) test, one of the most popular alternatives to acute toxicity testing, could be considered as a valid alternative to chronic fish toxicity testing when enhanced with transcriptomics measurements. Safer Chemicals Podcast published an episode that outlines the project's framework and research to advance non-animal testing and can be listened to via the announcement link.



IUCLID Service Update

In mid-November, there was a new IUCLID service [release](#) (v8.13.2). This latest version brings a host of fixes and improvements to enhance user experience and functionality.



This release does not introduce any format changes but focuses on resolving existing issues and implementing valuable enhancements.

Among the key fixes, the document comparison functionality has been restored, text wrapping for long strings has been improved, and the .csv file upload mapping for phrases in picklists has been corrected. The link above has release notes as well as a link to a webinar that reveals the latest changes.



REGULATORY

ECHA Updates CLP
Guidance, Webinar
Available

ECHA Updates CLP Guidance, Webinar Available

ECHA has [updated their guidance on applying the classification, labelling and packaging \(CLP\) regulation](#).

The guidance provides advice on the new hazard criteria for:

- endocrine disruptors (ED) for human health or the environment;
- persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT); very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) substances; and
- persistent, mobile and toxic (PMT); very persistent and very mobile (vPvM) substances.

The guidance on endocrine disruptors was developed together with the European Food Safety Authority, EFSA.

Watch on-demand the November 21, 2024 webinar "[Introduction to ECHA's guidance on new CLP Hazard Classes](#)" made available to the public. The webinar page also shares slides.

Who is encouraged to watch this webinar:

- Chemical manufacturers, importers, and distributors
- Companies involved in the formulation of chemical products
- SMEs
- Regulatory affairs professionals and compliance officers
- Consultants and risk assessors in the field of chemical safety
- Member State Competent Authorities and other stakeholders with an interest in chemical classification and labelling.





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Alliance Spotlight: Can No-Shave November Be Dangerous?

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Alliance Spotlight: Can No-Shave November Be Dangerous?

During November, across the United States, millions celebrate “No-Shave November” where they shuck the razors all month long and grow beards in the name of charity and/or camaraderie.

Beards can require certain necessities, such as hairnets in the food service industry, and adjustments to respirators in many industries. NIOSH Science Blog reviews how facial hair can play a role in workplace safety in their post: [Beards and Respirators: Navigating No Shave November Safely](#).



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Member Engagement Committee by email to Member_Engagement@schc.org.

