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Meeting Information

Did you see the Spring Meeting video? [Check it out on Facebook.](#)

The preliminary agenda for the 2018 Fall meeting is on the SCHC website. Click the meeting image for details, including hotel discounts, registration and more.



Interested in becoming an exhibitor at the Fall 2018 Hazard Communication Management Products Display? There are spaces available. You can find the Exhibitor Invitation, Contract Details and Online Registration on the Meeting webpage.

Distance Learning Workshop

SCHC is offering a California Proposition 65 Labeling Workshop, July 31 and August 2, 2018. This two-day program is an on-line, live lecture and is considered an advanced course. Learn more about the program and get registered today by clicking [here](#).

Members, check your emails for the discount code for this program. Don't forget to take advantage of the ["Refer a Friend" program](#), where you can earn free webinars and VISA gift cards. Plus, the referral also receives a free SCHC webinar when they join as a Member.

If you are not a Member, consider becoming one; the full rate of the class is equivalent to a one-year SCHC membership and the Member rate for the workshop. [Learn how to become a member here.](#)



REGULATORY UPDATES

EU Market Chemicals

ECHA Releases New
Format for Poison Center
Notifications

21,551 Chemicals on EU Market Now Registered

The 10-year registration period for existing chemicals is now complete following the last REACH registration deadline on 31 May 2018. 13,620 European companies have submitted information to ECHA in nearly 90,000 registrations for chemicals manufactured in or imported to the EU and EEA at above one tonne a year.

ECHA Releases New Format for Poison Center Notifications

The Backstory

Under Article 45 of regulation EC 1272/2008 (Classification, Labelling and Packaging), manufacturers and importers placing certain hazardous mixtures on the market in a Member State (MS) of the European Economic Area (EEA) must provide information to the appointed body of that MS.¹ This information is ultimately used by poison centers to advise consumers and physicians on proper response following a poisoning incident. The official MS appointed body and contact information must be listed in Section 1.4 of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

What's Changing

In April 2017, Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/542 entered into force, creating a harmonized list of information to be notified to appointed bodies and poison centers; this list of required information was subsequently adopted as a new annex to EC 1272/2008, called “Annex VIII.” Importantly, these requirements do not become compulsory, however, until January 1, 2020.²

Not only has the list of requirements been made available in Annex VIII of the CLP regulation, but there is now *another* new requirement that manufacturers and importers must notify each respective appointed body using a consistent XML format referred to as a Poison Center Notification (PCN)—version 1 of which was just released on April 30, 2018.³ Although notifiers must currently notify each individual MS appointed body separately, as applicable, eventually, it will be possible to submit the PCN through a single centralized ECHA portal, once development is complete.

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Implications

If you're a manufacturer or importer placing hazardous mixtures on the market in the EEA, you now have less than two years to begin adapting to and using the new PCN format for your official poison center notifications.

What's more, since the SDS must include the contact information for the relevant MS's official appointed body in Section 1.4, those wishing to use a single SDS approach for all of EEA, must list *each* appointed body, for *each* ship-to MS. In other words, if your product is being shipped to Germany, France and Denmark, then the appointed body for each must be listed, else a separate SDS (one specific for each ship-to country) must be created.

Citations

1. <https://echa.europa.eu/-/new-format-for-notifying-information-on-hazardous-mixtures-for-poison-centres>
2. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0542&from=EN>
3. <https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/poison-centres-notification-format>

OSHA *Update to the Hazard Communication Standard* Now Available

In the OSHA Spring 2018 Regulatory Agenda, the *Update to the Hazard Communication Standard* is now listed at the Proposed Rule Stage. A NRPM is listed for 2/2019.

[Update to the Hazard Communication Standard Rule](#)

[2018 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions](#)

You may also want to read :

[*Four standards back on OSHA's radar in spring regulatory agenda*](#)

[*Full of Surprises: OSHA Spring Regulatory Agenda Released*](#)



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OSHA to Align US Rules
with Latest GHS

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Amendments to Hazard Communication Standard Proposed for 2019

by Julie Miller, Reporter, ChemicalWatch

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) plans to propose regulatory amendments in 2019, to better align US rules with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of classification and labelling of chemicals.

OSHA last updated its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) in 2012, aligning it with the third version of the GHS. Globally, the GHS, which covers hazard classification, standardized labelling and safety data sheets, is in its seventh edition.

The plan is revealed in the Labor Department's spring 2018 regulatory agenda.

The department, which includes OSHA, has moved the update project from the "long-term action" list to "proposed rule" status. The projected publication date is February 2019.



The rulemaking now underway aims to "harmonise the HCS to the latest edition of the GHS and to codify a number of enforcement policies".

Maureen Ruskin, director of the Office of Chemical Hazards-Metals, said in October 2017 the agency was working on a proposal to update the HCS with the intent of improving alignment with the system and Canada's Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS 2015). She said political appointees from the Trump administration had yet to endorse the initiative.

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& Las Vegas

NYS Household Cleansing Product Information Disclosure Program

New York State has launched a new initiative to require the public disclosure of chemical ingredients in household cleaning products.

Authority for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Household Cleansing Product Information Disclosure Program derives from Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 35 and New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 659. The statute and regulations authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation to require manufacturers of domestic and commercial cleaning products distributed, sold, or offered for sale in New York State to furnish information regarding such products on a website.

[DEC's Division of Materials Management Program Policy on Household Cleansing Product Information Disclosure \(PDF, 562 KB\)](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/cleansingprodfin.pdf) is available here for download: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/cleansingprodfin.pdf

Poster Sessions — Orlando & Las Vegas

Again, thank you to everyone who presented a Poster at SCHC's spring meeting in Orlando. We appreciate the time and effort that went into these presentations. Most of the poster presentations are now available on [SCHC's Spring 2018 meeting page](#) and on [SCHC's Spring 2018 Meeting App](#). Check out the interviews with the poster presenters on [SCHC's Facebook live video](#).

Please feel free to contact [Jing Sun](mailto:schc-admin@schc.org) (copy schc-admin@schc.org) if you wish to present a poster at the Spring 2019 meeting in Las Vegas. For more information, see the Guidelines and Call for Abstracts, available on the [SCHC Poster Session Committee Page](#).





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Member Spotlight -
Ari Lewis

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Getting to network and know others in our Society is the cornerstone to our organization. This issue our spotlight is on Ari Lewis, newly elected Board Member.

Renee Warner, an SCHC Outreach and Communications committee member, interviewed Ari so we could all get to know her better.

What do you do?

Some days slip by me and I am not so sure—but as a toxicologist, I spend most of my days evaluating how exposure to chemicals in the environment and products affect human health. Sometimes my work is performed in the context of chemical compliance, but I also lead projects that inform new regulations, develop safe exposure levels for workers, and evaluate risks to consumers from consumer products.



How long have you been doing it?

I received my graduate degree in environmental toxicology about 15 years ago and have been working at the same great company ever since. I started there as a senior analyst and now help lead our Product Stewardship group as a Principal.

What are your aspirations?

I love the work I do. My goal is to help companies achieve their goals of using less hazardous chemicals.

I really enjoy helping companies proactively identify and target their most problematic chemicals for removal and replacement from their processes or products.

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Member Spotlight - Ari Lewis (continued)

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Ari Lewis (con't)

What is something unique about me/what are your interest?

As a single mom, I must admit "my interests" tend to take backseat to those of my kids, but I do enjoy running and traveling. Last year I made it to Vietnam, China, France, and Australia (and most of the countries in Epcot during the last SCHC meeting as well)!

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Committee Reminder

Why do you love SCHC?

I am a relative newcomer to SCHC but have been welcomed by the SCHC community with open arms. First becoming a member, then serving as a Chair of a special committee, and now as a member of the Board, the SCHC leadership has been inclusive and has encouraged me (and others) to take on an active role in shaping the future of SCHC. I appreciate the active engagement efforts and the opportunity to provide input on programs, content and goals.

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