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# INFORMATION ADVISORY

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## To our Valued Customers

As of **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> 2018** all suppliers who manufacture, process, package or sell “hazardous” materials must be fully compliant with the new *Globally Harmonized System (GHS)* as per the Canadian federal ***Hazardous Products Act*** and ***Controlled Products Regulation***.

GHS is an international initiative to standardize chemical hazard classification and communication globally. This involves using new standardized chemical CLASSIFICATION criteria, LABEL requirements and new *Safety Data Sheets (SDS)* previously known as *MSDS*.

Canadian specific requirements are outlined in the 2015 version of the *Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)*. There are some new and updated symbols, hazard statements and precautionary statements to be aware of like the ones below:



We encourage all our customers to visit the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) website at [www.cchos.org](http://www.cchos.org) or [www.whmis.gc.ca](http://www.whmis.gc.ca) for more information.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM GUARDIAN CHEMICALS INC?

The original deadline for implementing GHS as a supplier was June 1, 2017. This date was pushed back to June 1, 2018 by the Canadian Government on May 19, 2017. That being said Guardian Chemicals Inc. was committed to converting to GHS by the original deadline of June 1, 2017.



As such, starting **May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017** all Guardian Chemicals products shipped to our customers will have new GHS compliant labels. In addition, all controlled products will have new Safety Data Sheets (SDS), enclosed with their first shipment. Some of these labels and SDS may have updated product information that was not present on the previous versions.

NOTE: if any additional SDS are required you may contact your sales representative, call our head office at 1-780-998-3771 (toll free at 1-800-661-6544) or visit our website at [www.guardianchem.ca](http://www.guardianchem.ca) and request a SDS via the contact tab and we will be happy to review the inquiry.

## HOW CAN GUARDIAN CHEMICALS HELP?

If you require any assistance in relabeling of your current workplace controlled products or suggestions on how to appropriately train your staff on the new WHMIS 2015 requirements, please contact us using the methods mentioned above and we will assist you as best we can.

Please note that WHMIS 2015 is still in a transition phase and you as a customer may not be required to fully transition to all aspects of the requirements. Again, please refer to [www.whmis.gc.ca](http://www.whmis.gc.ca) for more details on transition dates.

Sincerely,

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