

Overview of international framework and standards related to transport, storage and handling of dangerous goods

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Outline

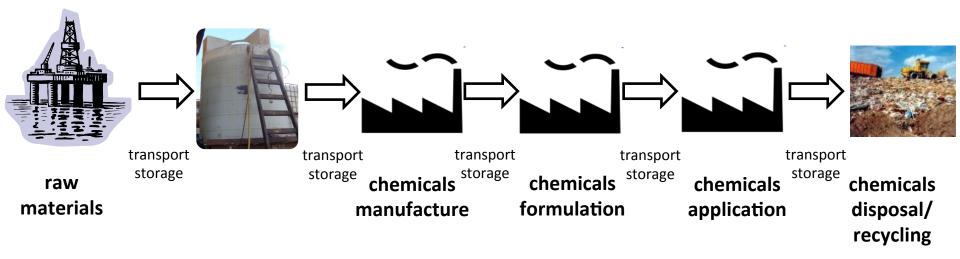


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Chemical Safety Management in Context





→ Sound management of transport and storage of chemicals is crucial



Putting Chemical Safety Management in Context



- → Sound management of transport and storage of chemicals is crucial
- → Risks of accidents might create adverse effects for health, environment, and the economy (country and company)



Legal approaches (international, national) → mandatory

Guidance, Programs (international, national) → support

Tools (international, national) → support

Management at company level (individual) → creates results



Legal Approaches



Regulatory Framework in "Countries of origin":

Rotterdam Convention (PIC)

REACH

ADR

GHS (CLP)

Regulations in Ghana: introduced by colleagues from Ghana



GHS Overview





Globally Harmonized System of <u>classification</u> and <u>labelling</u> of chemicals

comprehensive tool that harmonises:

Classification: defining and classifying hazards of

chemical substances and mixtures

- Hazard communication:
 - Labelling (hazard pictograms)
 - Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- target audiences:
 - Consumers
 - > Workers, including transport workers
 - Emergency responders





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GHS - Why it was developed?



- Many different systems existed worldwide, with differing requirements:
 - ✓ Vary in hazards covered and classification criteria used
 - ✓ Information required on labels and Safety Date Sheets varied (SDS)
- > Result: disparity in the information provided
 - conflicting and inconsistent classifications and safety information (labelling and safety data sheets)





GHS Background

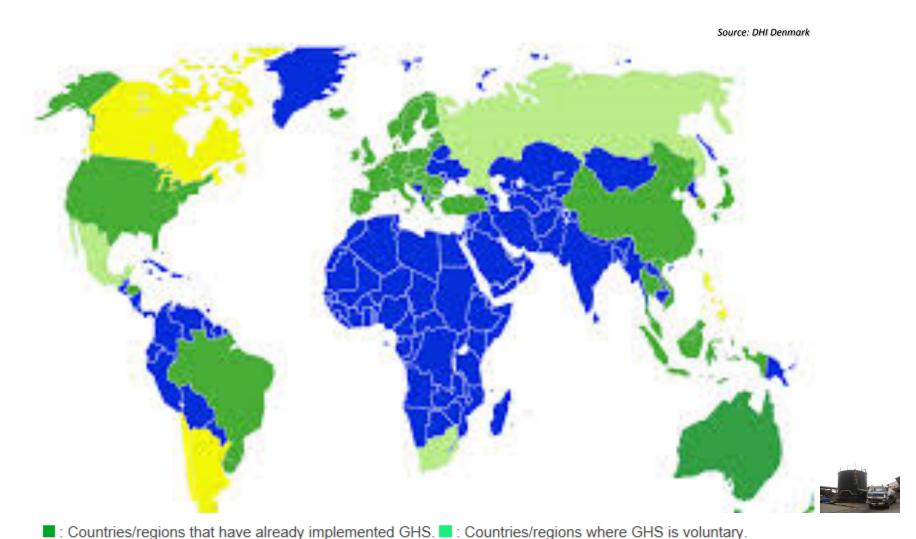


- The GHS has been developed by the United Nations as a non-binding treaty for UN member countries (2003)
 - international mandate: Agenda 21(1992), Chapter 19, Programme Area B, paras. 26 and 27
- Not a formal treaty, but instead a non-legally binding international agreement
 - provides the basis for harmonising regulations on chemicals at national, regional and worldwide level
 - the underlying infrastructure for establishment of national, comprehensive chemical safety programmes

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GHS Implementation





☐ : Countries/regions that are in the process of implementing GHS. ☐ : Countries/regions where GHS is not implemented or not available.

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GHS Implementation highlights



Regional:

 UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents takes further steps towards alignment with the GHS and the improvement of industrial safety in the region

Country:

- In USA implemented through a revised Hazard Communication Standard (HCS)
 (March 2012) and is becoming mandatory from 1 June 2015
- In Europe implemented through CLP Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures)
- Canada has started and has set goals for completion in 2015
- Australia, China, Japan and New Zealand have completed the main stages of Implementation



Harmonised hazard communication (labelling) worldwide!



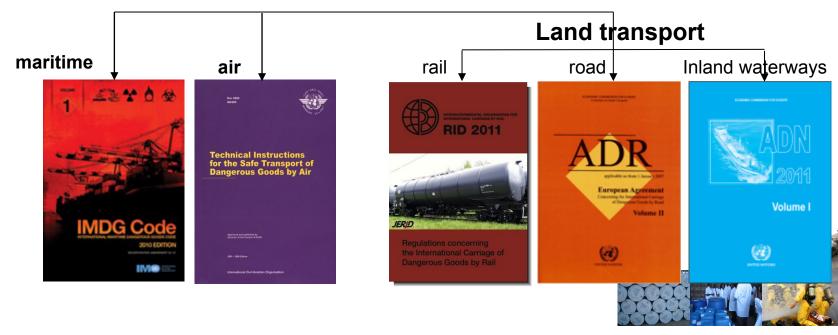
UN Model Regulation





Global application

Regional application



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UN Model Regulation



UN Recommendation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulation has 7 parts including

- Scope, application, training, security
- Classification & identification of dangerous goods
- Packing conditions (packaging and tank construction standards)
- Consignment procedures
- Operational provisions (general and mode specific): segregation of goods, loading, stowage, storage, decontamination requirements, reporting of accidents/incidents...

9 classes in total, <u>some</u> of which are:













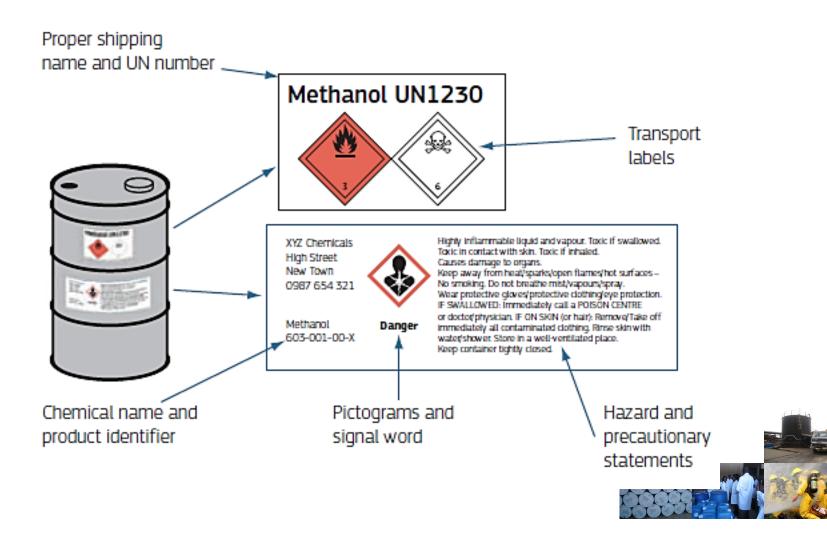


GHS & ADR





Example of combined GHS & ADR on single packaging



International Standards and Voluntary Initiatives



- International Cyanide Management Code (ICMI)
- SAICM
- Responsible Care
- Safer Production
- Emergency Response Initiatives:
 - Emergency Response Intervention Cards (cefic)
 - CHEMTREC
 - 2012 ERG



Guidance/ Programs: Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)

UNEP

SAICM is a global policy framework to support efforts to achieve:

"By 2020, chemicals are produced and used in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment"



Sound Management of Chemicals

Guidance/ Programs: Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)



- very broad scope (entire life cycle of product);
- emphasis on the sound management of chemicals as a sustainable development issue;
- multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral character;
- Integrated approach: Quick Start Programme, Economic instruments, industry participation, technical expertise...

UNEP: Safer Production





FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK

→ POLICY

Guidance for national policy development for chemical accident prevention and preparedness

→ LOCAL LEVEL

Local level and preparedness for environmental emergencies

RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION

→ COMPANY LEVEL

Prevention of chemical accidents promoting risk communication along the value chain - aimed primarily at SMEs - sectoral approach



Flexible Framework Initiative in the Global Context

Builds on 30 years of international experience

- International Conventions (e.g., ILO 174, UNECE TEIA)
- International programmes (e.g.OECD's chemical accidents programme)
- Legal instruments (US RMP, European Seveso directive)
- International guidance (e.g. OECD Guiding principles)
 - Prevention of accidents
 - Preparedness for accidents
 - Elements of CAPP programmes



Responsible Care (ICCA)





Responsible care is a Global Chemical Management system with accountability from "cradle-to-grave":

- Emergency Response & Preparedness
- Pollution Prevention/Environmental Protection
- Process Safety
- Employee Safety
- Security (facility, value chain, cyber)
- Product Stewardship
- Community/Stakeholder Dialogue
- ⇒ Access to best-practice examples and guidance



Response: Emergency Response Intervention Cards



Provide guidance on initial actions for emergency responders at the scene of a chemical transport accident

- Characteristics
- Hazards
- Personal protection
- Intervention actions
 - General
 - Spillage
 - (involving the substance)
- First aid
- Essential precautions for product recovery
- Precautions after intervention
 - Undressing
 - Equipment clean-up

Flammable liquefied gas

1 CHARACTERISTICS

- · Hazardous to skin, eyes and air passages.
- . Forms explosive misture with air
- · Asphysiant, the gas will suffocate without warning
- . The gas is absorbed or readily dispersed by water

2 HAZARDS

- Heating of container(s) will cause pressure rise with risk of bursting and immediate release of expanding vapour cloud which may ignite, leading to explosion (VCE) and creation of a pressure wave.
- · Contact with liquid will cause frostbite and severe
- . Gives off toxic and irritant furnes when heated or burning.
- . The gas may be invisible and may enter sewers. basements or confined spaces
- May be narcotic and cause unconsciousness.

3 PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Chemical protection suit.
- · Self contained breathing apparatus.
- · Protect personnel from radiated heat with water fog ourtain or other heat protective measures.
- · Insulating undergarments and thick textile or leather
- · Consider wearing standard fire lighting clothing underneath the suit.

5 FIRST AID

pollution

- . If substance has got into eyes, wash out with water for at least 15 minutes and seek immediate medical
- · Remove contaminated clothing immediately and drench affected skin with plenty of water.

. Ventilate sewers and hasemants where there is

· Work from protected position to reduce risk to

personnel. Use unmanned monitors or lances. · Extinguish with water fog (spray) or dry powder.

. Use water spray to knock down fire fumes if possible.

· Avoid unnecessary run-off of extinguishing media

· In the absence of specialist advice, drench spillage

with water spray to assist evaporation and absorb gas but avoid unnecessary run off which will cause

no risk to personnel or public.

4.3 FIRE (INVOLVING THE SUBSTANCE) · Keep container(s) cool with water.

. Cut off gas supply if safe to do so. · Do NOT extenguish leaking gas flame unless

· Do not use water jet to extinguish.

which may cause pollution.

ABSOLUTELY necessary

- · Persons who have been in contact with the substance or have inhaled furnes should get immediate medical attention. Pass on all available product information.
- . In case of burns, immediately cool affected skin for as long as possible with cold water. Do not remove clothing adhering to skin.
- . Thaw frosted parts carefully with cold water.

4 INTERVENTION ACTIONS

4.1 GENERAL

- Keep upwind
- · No smoking, eliminate ignition sources,
- . PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD . Warn people nearby to stay indoors with doors and windows closed. Stop any ventilation. Consider evacuation of people in immediate danger.
- · Minimise number of personnel in risk area.
- · Warn people to leave and not to re-enter basements. sewers or other confined spaces.

4.2 SPILLAGE

- · Stop leaks if possible.
- · Check explosive limits.
- · Use low sparking hand tools and intrinsically safe
- Knock down or disperse gas cloud with water spray.
- If substance has entered a water course or sewer. inform the responsible authority

ESSENTIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR PRODUCT RECOVERY

. Do not use standard recovery equipment. Seek specialist advice immediately.

PRECAUTIONS AFTER INTERVENTION

7.1 UNDRESSING

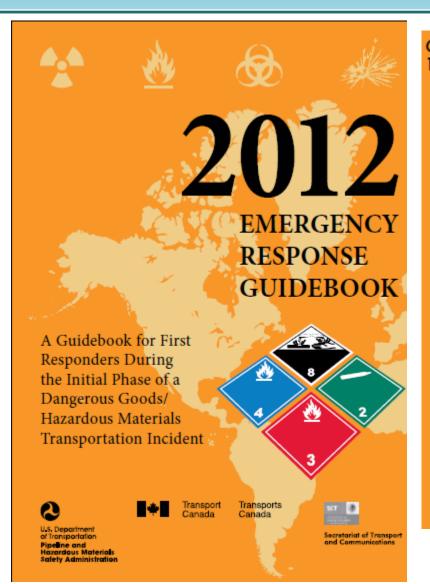
· Drench contaminated suit and breathing apparatus. with water before removing facemask and suit.

7.2 EQUIPMENT CLEAN UP

. Drench with water before transporting from incident.

Response: Emergency Response Guidebook





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ERG2012

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- . TOXIC; inhalation, ingestion or skin contact with material may cause severe injury or death.
- Contact with molten substance may cause severe burns to skin and eyes.
- Avoid any skin contact.
- Effects of contact or inhalation
- Fire may produce irritating, c. ERG2012
- Runoff from fire control or dilu

(COMBUSTIBLE)

SUBSTANCES - TOXIC AND/OR CORROSIVE

FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- Combustible material: may be When heated, vapors may fo
- Those substances designate
- Contact with metals may evol
- Containers may explode whe
- Runoff may pollute waterway Substance may be transporte

CALL EMERGENCY RESPO available or no answer, refe

- As an immediate precautional (150 feet) for liquids and at le
- Keep unauthorized personne
- Stay upwind.
- Keep out of low areas.
- Ventilate enclosed areas.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-c
- Wear chemical protective clo little or no thermal protection.
- Structural firefighters' protecti effective in spill situations wh

EVACUATION

Spill

 See Table 1 - Initial Isolation. highlighted materials, increas under "PUBLIC SAFETY".

 If tank, rail car or tank truck is consider initial evacuation for

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Small Fire

· Dry chemical, CO, or water spray.

- Dry chemical, CO., alcohol-resistant foam or water spray.
- Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.
- Dike fire-control water for later disposal; do not scatter the material.

Fire involving Tanks or Car/Trailer Loads

- Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles.
- Do not get water inside containers.
- Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.
- ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

SPILL OR LEAK

- ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area).
- Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- Stop leak if you can do it without risk.
- Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
- Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers.
- DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS.

FIRST AID

- Move victim to fresh air.
- Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing.
- Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
- Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.
- Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes.
- In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water for at least 20.
- For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin.
- Keep victim warm and guiet.
- Effects of exposure (inhalation, ingestion or skin contact) to substance may be delayed.
- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material/s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.



Thank You

