

WHMIS Equivalent Provisions for Pesticides

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New Pest Control Products Act

- ◆ New requirement for registrants to provide product safety information, including an MSDS, to workplaces where pesticides are used or manufactured
- ◆ Condition of registration
- ◆ In accordance with regulations

Proposed Regulation

Material Safety Data Sheets

- ◆ Include with Commercial, Restricted, and Manufacturing Class pesticide containers
- ◆ Include with active ingredient containers if used or manufactured in Canada
- ◆ Provide when pesticides purchased in refillable containers

Proposed Regulation

Format/Content of Material Safety Data Sheets

- ◆ 16-heading format of GHS or ILO/ISO/EC/ANSI
- ◆ Content to reference requirements under the Controlled Products Regulations where appropriate
- ◆ Hazard information about pest control product and individual active ingredients and formulants
- ◆ Bilingual (English and French)
- ◆ Attestation re accuracy and completeness

Proposed Regulation

Labels

- ◆ Precautionary symbols and signal words within hatched border on principal display panel
- ◆ Precautions and first aid instructions within hatched border on secondary display panel
- ◆ Statement on principal display panel:
“For additional information, refer to the MSDS”

Disclosure of Information

- ◆ Definition of CBI in new PCPA includes the identity and concentration of formulators *not* of health or environmental concern
- ◆ Formulators of concern to be disclosed on MSDS and label
- ◆ List of formulators of concern to be published at same time as final Formulants Policy
 - ◆ based on EPA lists with addition of Canadian-only formulators

Review of MSDS

- ◆ Submit MSDS and reference list with application to register, amend or renew
- ◆ Review of MSDS by PMRA as part of submission review process for new active ingredients
- ◆ Review of supporting documents for other products by PMRA on spot-check basis

Implementation

- ◆ Five year phase-in as registrations granted, amended, renewed
- ◆ Six month lead time after regulation made

Next Steps

- ◆ Analyse comments on Discussion Document
- ◆ Prepare drafting instructions for regulation
- ◆ *Canada Gazette*, Part I – fall 2003
- ◆ *Canada Gazette*, Part II – spring 2004