



# Implementation of GHS --- Canadian Activity

# Objectives of Canadian Implementation of the GHS

- Harmonization to the greatest extent possible between the sectors.
- Harmonization to the greatest extent possible between the NAFTA countries and other trading partners.

# Who is involved?

## - Key Sectors

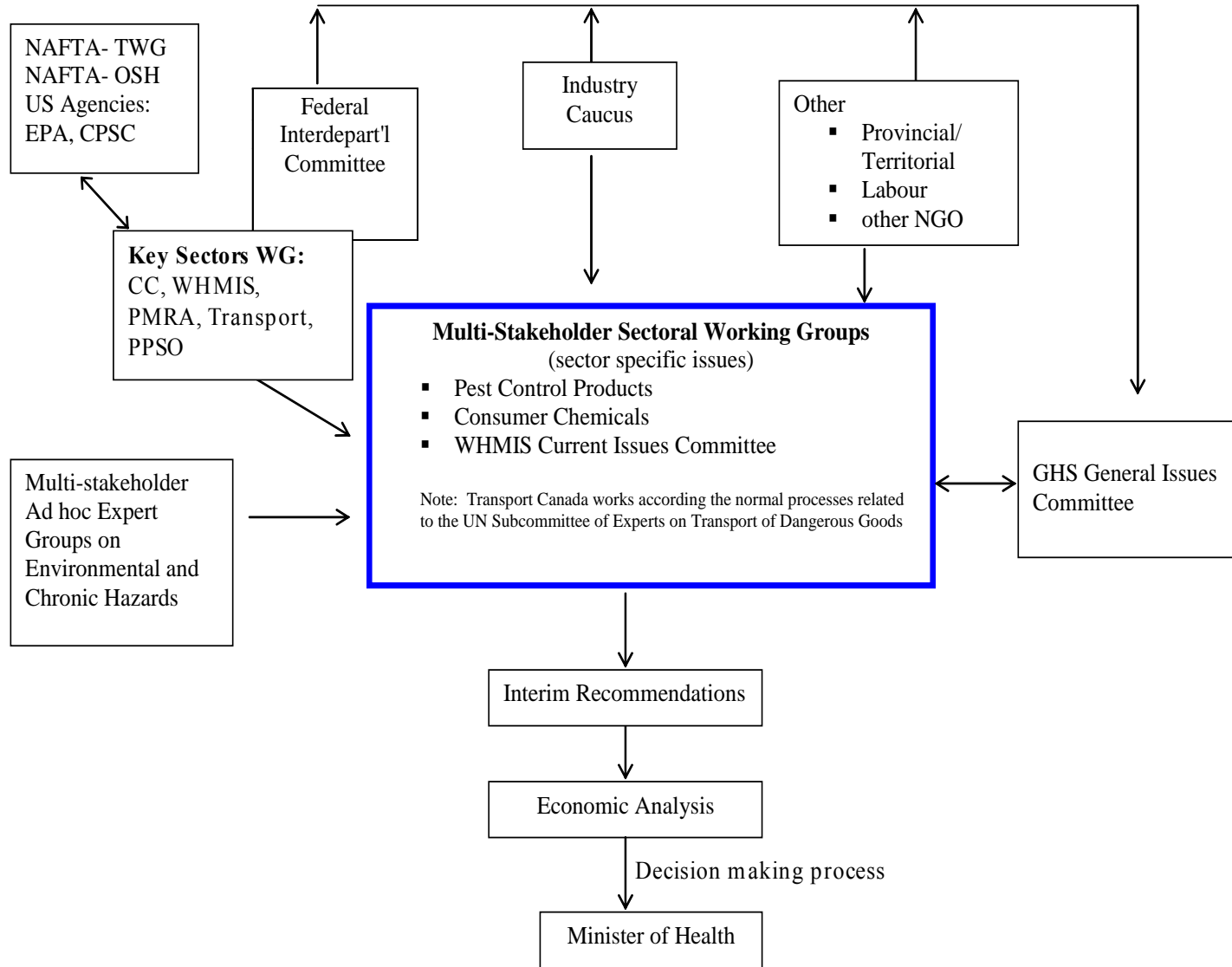
### Health Canada

- Consumer Chemical Products
- Pest Control Products
- Workplace Chemicals (WHMIS)

### Transport Canada

- Transport of Dangerous Goods

## Governance Overview: GHS Implementation in Canada



# Decision Making

- The Canadian recommendations in each sector may need to be revisited:
  - as the US considers GHS implementation in their respective sectors and as information on their deliberations becomes available,
  - as we work with our US and Mexican colleagues on a NAFTA approach.
- Results of technical consultations and economic analysis will form recommendations for Minister's decision.
- Implementation decisions may require amendments to Regulations via normal regulatory process (*CPR, CCCR, Pest Control Products Regulations*).

# Canadian Implementation

## – Where are we now...

- **Situational Analysis – August 2003**
  - Comparison of the existing systems in Canada to the GHS.
  - Identify possible issues which require discussion during the implementation of the GHS in Canada
- **Multi-stakeholder Workshop – October 2003**
- **Technical consultations** with the multi-stakeholder Sectoral Working Groups to develop interim recommendations are almost complete

# Workplan - Where are we now?

- **Technical Consultations and Interim Recommendations being developed**
- **Next steps:**
  - Consultation on implementation phase-in options
  - Consultation with trading partners
  - Economic analysis
  - Development of final recommendations
  - Decision Making
  - Draft Regulations
  - Regulatory process
- **Phasing in implementation**

# Ad hoc Expert Groups

- **Chronic Hazards for Consumer Chemicals**
  - Consensus to include chronic hazards for consumer chemicals
  - Consideration of hazard vs. risk based approach
- **Environmental Hazard Classification/Labelling**
  - Is there a need?



# Harmonization Between the Sectors

- Document comparing the interim recommendations or preferred options has been prepared.
  - Represents the status of the discussions as of February 23, 2006.
  - Recognizes that the technical consultations are not complete and the results are subject to change.
- Generally there is harmonization between the sectors.
  - Differences are due to:
    - Sectors wanting to maintain the current levels of protection/coverage.
    - Products that are exempt from a particular piece of legislation.
    - The scope of hazards covered by the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
    - Whether a sector decides to include hazards found in the GHS but not currently covered by their system.
- On March 1, 2006, the document was released to stakeholders and the multi-stakeholder General Issues Committee.

**Canadian GHS Website**  
[www.healthcanada.ca/ghs](http://www.healthcanada.ca/ghs)  
[www.santecanada.ca/sgh](http://www.santecanada.ca/sgh)

**The GHS Document**

**ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.1**

**Website:**

[www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_rev01/01files\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev01/01files_e.html)