



Understanding WHMIS 2015 & GHS

WHY GHS?

GHS stands for **G**lobally **H**armonized **S**ystem of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. This system was implemented to improve employee safety by standardizing: chemical labels, Safety Data Sheets and pictograms across the globe.

SAFETY FIRST



MORE IN-DEPTH CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS THAN BEFORE

- MORE CONSISTENT AND SIMPLIFIED CHEMICAL HAZARD INFORMATION
- LESS TRAINING REQUIRED
- GREATER AWARENESS OF HAZARDS
- PROTECTS WORKERS
- CREATES SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENT
- SIMPLIFIES INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- BETTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL INCIDENTS



WHMIS 2015 no longer uses the hatched border to identify controlled products and without it, it might be harder at first glance to identify WHMIS products.

GHS vs. WHMIS

GHS IS NOT REPLACING WHMIS

It modifies the Canadian WHMIS program by updating the pictograms, labels, safety data sheets (MSDS > SDS) and changing classification requirements to standardize chemical classification across the globe.



GHS



WHMIS

NOT ALL hazard classes or categories **REQUIRE A PICTOGRAM** – therefore you must exercise due diligence when handling products.

NO PICTOGRAM, A PRODUCT MAY BE CLASSIFIED under WHMIS. Look for signal word such as **“Warning!”** and **“Danger”** as well as hazard statements on labels/SDS. Please review all chemical labels for safe product use and handling.

NO PICTOGRAM = LOWER HAZARD



of our products are now classified under WHMIS 2015

SAME chemistry
SAME performance
NEW classification



REDUCES the need to test chemicals on animals



Better & Consistent COMMUNICATION OF CHEMICAL INFORMATION

Every country now speaks the same language when classifying chemicals.

WHY IS THIS SYMBOL PRESENT ON SO MANY LABELS?

The **fragrance** used in scented products has a **sensitizer** and will automatically be classified as a skin sensitizer which requires the *Exclamation Mark* pictogram.

