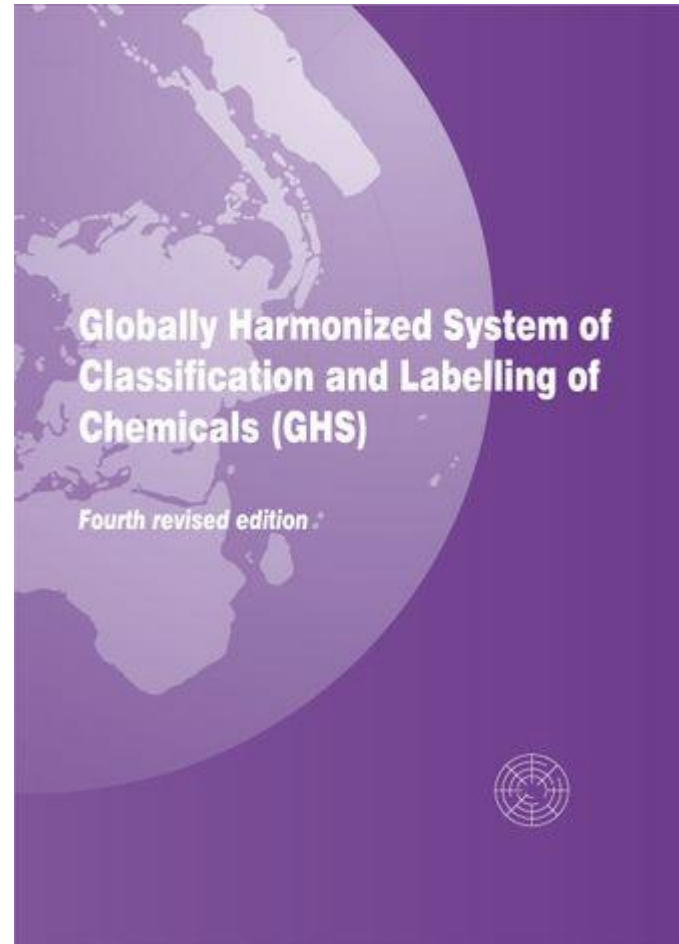


The Swedish Chemicals Agencies support with development and implementation of the GHS



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Purpose and benefits of the GHS

- **Enhance the protection** of human health and the environment by providing an internationally comprehensible system for hazard communication;
- **Provide a legal framework** for countries without an existing system;
- **Reduce the need for testing** and evaluation of chemicals;
- **Facilitate international trade** in chemicals whose hazard have been properly assessed and identified on an international basis

Implementation - focus areas

- Inclusion in legislation
- Institutional capacity building
- Enforcement
- Financing (E.g. registers, enforcement, helpdesk)
- Guiding industry, public awareness

Keml:s support in the implementation of GHS

- South Africa (Dept. of Employment and Labour)
- Zambia
- AI and SADC
- UCT
- Taiwan
- Uganda
- Twinning/Taiex (Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine etc.)



Keml:s support in other GHS activities



- ITP
- Pesticide toolkit
- Sub committee
- Promoting inclusion of GHS in the Global Framework of Chemicals
- Global Partnership to Implement the GHS: UNITAR, OECD and ILO
- UCT discussion forum

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Our experiences from cooperation for GHS implementation outside EU



- It is essential that legislation comes first.
- Implementation in legislation has to be followed by enforcement to make the GHS work.
- The fact that different departments/ministries are responsible can lead to challenges in implementation.

Experiences from GHS implementation in EU

- Benefits of regional cooperation (drafting legislation, harmonising enforcement, helpdesk questions etc.)
- Transitional periods
- New versions of the GHS purple book (changes through EU delegated regulations)
- Mandatory helpdesk in all EU countries
- Industry benefits through union legislation

Thank you for your attention!

