

TRAINING COURSE

Basic Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals



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Date: 10 - 11 November 2025

Skill Level: Basic

Time: 08:30 – 16:00 CAT

Cost: **CAIA Members**
R7 000.00 excl. VAT

Venue: Virtual (MS Teams)

Language: English

Non-CAIA members
R8 000.00 excl. VAT

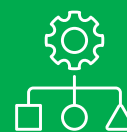
On 29 March 2021, the Minister of the Department of Employment and Labour published the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents (HCA) 2021 in Government Gazette (GG No.44348) under Government Notice No. R. 280 with an 18-month transition period. One of the primary objectives of the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents is to incorporate the GHS and formally adopt it in South Africa. Importers, distributors, and manufacturers of hazardous chemicals are expected to implement the GHS.

Furthermore, on 5 April 2024, the Minister gazetted Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents Regulations Gazette 11687 no 50431 for public comment to be provided by 5 July 2024. The key GHS elements in the Draft Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents include:

- Section 3. Classification of Hazardous Chemical Agents.
- Section 4. Safety Data Sheet.
- Section 5. Labelling of Hazardous Chemical Agents.

Once finalised, the new Regulations will repeal the previous HCA Regulations from March 29, 2021, and its amendment from April 29, 2022, as well as the Occupational Exposure for Silica Regulations from February 5, 2010. This will occur 18 months after the date of enforcement.

Developed at the United Nations to be adopted as a worldwide programme, the GHS aims to develop a single, globally harmonised system to address the classification of chemicals and hazard communication, using labels as well as Safety Data Sheets (SDSs). This training provides an understanding of the importance and practical application of SDSs and labels on hazardous substances, using a combination of hazard statements, hazard symbols and hazard signal words.



The Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is an internationally agreed-upon system to standardise chemical hazard classification and communication. The system was developed more than a decade ago and continues to evolve.

Training Pre-Requisites



- Numeracy and literacy.
- Good command of the English language.

Assessment



Delegates will be required to demonstrate through an online assessment that the prescribed learning outcomes have been achieved.

Objectives



Objectives of this course are to familiarise the delegates with:

- The purpose, scope, and application of the GHS.
- The classification of hazardous substances and mixtures.
- Hazard communication (labelling and SDSs).

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the South African GHS regulatory framework.
- Apply GHS criteria in classifying physical, health, and environmental hazards.
- Select appropriate hazard communication elements.
- Develop and understand GHS-based labels and SDSs..
- Develop and understand hazard communication strategies adapted to specific contexts.
- Describe the international policy framework of the GHS and related international chemicals initiatives.

Target Audience



- SHEQ managers and risk management practitioners
- Technical and logistics personnel
- Supervisors and other personnel who handle and classify chemicals
- Personnel who need to implement GHS
- Consumers
- Emergency responders

Daily Programme



Session 1:	08:30 - 10:30
Break:	10:30 - 11:15
Session 2:	11:15 - 12:30
Lunch:	12:30 - 13:30
Session 3:	13:30 - 16:00

Registration



1. Complete the registration form by no later than 31 October 2025.
2. Upon receipt of your registration, CAIA will send you an invoice.
3. Proof of payment should be sent to rsvp@caia.co.za.
4. A meeting link will be sent to you as confirmation of your registration.



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