IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GHS

Implementation update

Transmitted by the expert from Brazil

The Brazilian Government has been working on the implementation of the GHS, through the GHS Working Group (GT-GHS Brazil) made up of more than 40 governmental and non-governmental institutions.

The activities developed during the 2nd semester 2006 are:

- Discussion of the draft for a Presidential Decree, which will be issued soon by the President of Brazil to formalize the Working Group on GHS and develop the national strategies for the implementation of the GHS.

- Three National Workshops on GHS held in:
  - Rio de Janeiro, in partnership with Labour Inspectorate and Trade Unions (October)
  - Rio de Janeiro, in partnership with Brazilian Association for Fine Chemistry (October)
  - Sao Paulo, in partnership with National Syndicate of CropLife Protection Industry (November)

- Presentation on GHS in the course “Chemical Safety and Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents”, organized by FUNDACENTRO, in Sao Paulo (October) and Recife (November).

- Meetings of the Sub-groups of the GT-GHS Brazil: Confidential Business Information, Publicity, Implementation and Training

- Ongoing translation of the Purple Book to Portuguese;

- Ongoing Comprehensibility Study Testing Methodology;

- Preparatory meeting of the Brazilian delegation for the 12th Session of SCEGHS, on 4th December 2006, in Sao Paulo;

- 2nd edition of the GHS Training course (40 h), from 4th to 8th December, hosted by FUNDACENTRO, in Sao Paulo, with 30 participants.