

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Capacity building

Awareness raising and capacity building activities in South Africa

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1. This document provides an update on activities related to awareness raising and capacity building from January – June 2016.

Awareness raising

2. RPMASA continues to promote chemical; hazard awareness and safety through Workshops, GHS, Dangerous Goods and IMDG Training, as well as its snippets, website and GHS awareness posters. The posters, especially the comparison between the Transport and the GHS pictograms continue to be popular and are available via the website.

Capacity building

3. RPMASA conducted less Training this year due to E Anderson having a back operation in February. The following Training was presented during the last 6 months:

- (a) Introduction to the GHS – 1 x 1day course in Gauteng and 1 x 1day course in Durban
- (b) 1 x 2 day Advanced GHS course in Gauteng and 1 x 2 day Advanced GHS in Durban
- (c) 2 x 1 day IMDG General Awareness

Further GHS Training is scheduled for September in Durban, Gauteng and Cape Town

4. RPMASA participated in the Work Group to revise the National GHS Standard SANS 10234 which was based on the original UN publication to align with the 4th revision, which is due to be published soon. It will assist with a further revision which is planned as a cross reference document to the UN 6th revision of the GHS, for the end of 2016.

5. RPMASA works closely with the National Depts of Labour, Health and Environment on GHS related issues and participates in the National Chemicals Management Multi-Stakeholder Forum which focuses on chemical safety.

6. RPMASA continues to invite applications from GHS Experts to participate in their GHS Expert database as there is an urgent need to build expertise and assist Industry on its GHS journey to compliant SDS and Labelling, in order to support both local, and exporting companies.
 7. RPMASA will continue to inform the Sub-Committee on its GHS activities.
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