Russian technical regulation “On the safety of chemical products”

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1. On 7 October 2016 the technical regulation “On the safety of chemical products” has been adopted through Russian Government Decree No.1019.

2. This regulation implements the mandatory application of GHS in Russia within the framework of the system of national standards (GOSTs) on test methods, criteria for classification and elements of hazard communication which currently are applied on a voluntary basis.

3. To assist manufacturers and suppliers of chemicals in managing the necessary changes, a transitional period of 5 year has been prescribed to comply with the requirements. The technical regulation will enter into force on 1 July 2021 and until this date the labelling of chemicals and the creation of the Safety Data Sheets are performed as the best way for companies to demonstrate their responsibilities and concern of their customers, employees and the environment.