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Report on the implementation of GHS in South Africa

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Introduction

1. This document reports on the progress on implementation of the GHS in South Africa to date.

Progress of implementation

2. On 29 March 2021 the South African Department of Employment and Labour promulgated into law the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

3. These regulations make GHS classification, SDS and labelling compulsory for hazardous chemicals in the work environment. Provision was made for an 18-month transition period for implementation until the 29th of September 2022.

4. In addition to this "phase-in period" a further 12 months has been granted to continue the supply of existing stock-in trade that are not yet GHS compliant, provided that the chemicals was manufactured or imported prior to the 29th of September 2022.