

To my Canadian and American network,

I wish to share a PDF (PPT) recently presented by Health Canada about a probable major change in the Consumer Chemical Products in Canada. In a word, it is NOT to align with the United States system but rather to develop a risk-based system using GHS symbols, criteria, and statements. You can review the attached for yourself; nothing will happen before mid-end 2026, but I felt important to share it!

The highlights of the proposed change are that the actual labeling and classification system that is specific to Canada will be converted to the Globally Harmonized System with the same symbols, including short- and long-term human health hazards! Hazard and precautionary statements will be changed to match the ones of the GHS, already enforced in the country.

No need to say that this will be one of the most fundamental changes in history, since the general public will be, for the first time, talked about possible long-term human health hazards on products they have used for a lifetime without knowing it! Manufacturers will also have a HUGE amount of work to convert their actual labels to the new system, which will make Canada similar to Europe and totally different from the United States in that regard.

Of course, I will be pleased if you wish to contact me in preparation for this major change. I can be reached at 1-514-264-8000 and/or expert@chem-compliance.com to set up a team meeting! You can also get the official Health Canada PowerPoint documents on my website!
<https://www.chemicalcompliance.online/>

Looking forward!

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