

Dalco GHS Compliance FAQ's

Q. What is GHS?

A. HazCom GHS stands for the Globally Harmonized System, a universal system for classification and labeling of chemicals. It is an international agreement brokered through the United Nations with the purpose of unifying all safety material for chemicals used in the workplace in an easy to understand format. You can find more information and detail at <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html>.

Q. Does this impact all chemicals?

A. This will impact most chemicals. Hard surface disinfectants and sanitizers, hand sanitizers and skin care products (hand soaps) are exempt.

Q. Does Dalco provide SDS with chemical shipments?

A. All of Dalco's SDS sheets are available online at www.dalcoonline.com. You will also be able to find a link to all of our chemical manufacturers SDS webpages on our website as well.

Q. Why won't Dalco honor a return on chemical with non-GHS compliant labels?

A. Manufacturers will stop shipping product with non-compliant labels on June 1, 2015. Distributors will stop shipping product with non-compliant labels on December 1, 2015. In order for Dalco to have enough time to exhaust inventory on products with non-compliant labels we have decided to refuse returns on them. **As an employer you will need to be compliant with GHS by June 1, 2016** which provides time to use up products with non-compliant labels.

Q. How do I know if the chemical I am returning has a non-compliant label?

A. See the diagram below of the elements contained in a GHS compliant label. If your product does not have these components it is likely not compliant.

The Basic Parts of A GHS-Compliant Label

The diagram shows a sample GHS-compliant label for n-Propyl Alcohol. The label is white with black text and red hazard pictograms. Red arrows with numbers 1 through 6 point to specific parts of the label:

- 1** points to the product name: **n-Propyl Alcohol**
- 2** points to the signal word: **DANGER**
- 3** points to the hazard statements: **Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Causes serious eye damage. May cause drowsiness and dizziness.**
- 4** points to the precautionary statements: **Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking. Avoid breathing fumes/mist/vapours/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present. Continue rinsing.**
- 5** points to the supplier identification: **Acme Chemical Company • 711 Roadrunner St. • Chicago, IL 60601 USA • www.acmechem.com • 123-444-5567**
- 6** points to the hazard pictograms: a flame (F+), a hand being splashed (C), and an exclamation mark (Xn).

Additional information on the label includes: UN No. 1274, CAS No. 71-23-8, Fill Weight: 18.65 lbs., Gross Weight: 20 lbs., Expiration Date: 6/21/2020, Lot Number: B56754434, and Fill Date: 6/21/2013. A note says "See SDS for further information."

- 1. Product Identifier** - Should match the product identifier on the Safety Data Sheet.
- 2. Signal Word** - Either use "Danger" (severe) or "Warning" (less severe)
- 3. Hazard Statements** - A phrase assigned to a hazard class that describes the nature of the product's hazards
- 4. Precautionary Statements** - Describes recommended measures to minimize or prevent adverse effects resulting from exposure.
- 5. Supplier Identification** - The name, address and telephone number of the manufacturer or supplier.
- 6. Pictograms** - Graphical symbols intended to convey specific hazard information visually.

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