CLP regulation


Stricter classification rules in many cases

New
Old

Danger
R22: Harmful if swallowed
R34: Causes burns
R40: Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect
R50: Very toxic to aquatic organisms

Corrosive
R351: Suspected of causing cancer
R314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
R400: Very toxic to aquatic life

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GHS provides a single system to identify hazards and to communicate them in transporting and supplying chemicals across the world. The regulation describes criteria for the classification and labelling of substances and mixtures with the goal to:

- Ensure a higher level of protection of human health and the environment
- Enhance free trade, competitiveness and innovation

The more countries all over the world implement the GHS criteria in their legal system, the more valuable it becomes for all companies.

On January 20th, 2009 the EC regulation of classification and labelling of chemicals named CLP regulation (= Classification, Labelling, and Packaging of Chemicals) entered into force.

**Transition period of CLP regulation:**

- December 1, 2010 for pure substances
- June 1, 2015 for mixtures

Since December 1, 2010 until June 1, 2015, the safety data sheets for substances shall contain the classification according to both Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008.

Warehouse stocks with old labels can be sold two years longer (e.g. products produced before June 2015 can be sold with old labelling until end of May 2017).

Containers must NOT be labelled with old and new classification!