Detailed Information on Globally Harmonized Labels

What is the reason for the modification of the labels?

Since we act in a global business environment we would like to have harmonized products, labels and article numbers worldwide. This will enable all customers working in more than one country to develop standard processes and procedures which can be readily extended to their facilities in other countries knowing that they can always locally source identical products and services unambiguously. It also allows our worldwide subsidiaries to order and receive one product under the same item number and label to support those needs of international companies as well as provide globally competitive products to local companies.

What will change?

1. The Merck logo will be removed and substituted by one universal M logo.

2. The future label will contain both the global corporate and North American (NA) specific addresses together with the respective emergency numbers. The global corporate address is Merck KGaA, Darmstadt. Since the acquisition of Millipore the NA specific address is EMD Millipore Corporation in Billerica, MA (formerly: EMD Chemicals in Gibbstown, NJ).

3. The former web address www.merck-chemicals.com will be removed from the label.

4. Mandatory US specific warnings will be added to the GHS statements in accordance with all federal and state requirements.

5. The US NFPA hazard diamond will be added to the label.

6. The Country of Origin is required in USA and will be added on the label.

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Specific Label Questions

1. What does the Country of Origin mean?
The Country of Origin refers to the country where the substantial production step occurs (original manufacturer).

2. Which labels will be affected by the modification?
All labels for global Merck Millipore products manufactured in Darmstadt will be changed to the newly designed labels over the next two years.

3. Will the labels be the same for all pack sizes?
No – Due to space reasons the labels for small packages will not include the NFPA hazard diamond usually used in the US.

4. What about the labels for mixtures?
In the US the inclusion of up to 5 major components is required on labels. Therefore the labels for mixtures will not contain the specification.

5. Will there be any change of the article number?
No – please continue purchasing under the same item number as usually.

6. Is it possible to get a sample label?
In case that you might need a sample label for internal purposes please contact your local business partner for further information.

7. I have a question regarding the new labels. Whom can I contact?
For general questions please look at our web address www.merckmillipore.com/globallabel. For additional questions please contact your usual business partner at Merck Millipore.

8. Will the quality of the product change?
No, production and quality of the products will not change.

Time Line

1. As of which date will we get products with the new global label?
For pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical raw materials products with new label will be available around mid of May 2012 after stock material with old label will be sold out.

For laboratory products a progressive roll out over 2012 and 2013 is foreseen. For details on the product time schedule please contact your local business partner.

2. Is it possible to receive materials with old labels after the switch to new labels?
Yes – we anticipate having some product stocks with old labels and will continue supply until those stocks are exhausted.

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