

GHS

Globally Harmonized System
of Classification, Labelling and
Packaging of Chemicals

In December 2002, the United Nations published the GHS in the so-called "Purple Book" with a description of harmonized classification and labelling criteria. There exist three basic hazard classes in the areas of physical hazards, hazards to human health and to the environment. The goal of GHS is to harmonize the various existing classification and labelling systems all over the world. However on regional/national level, different parts or sections had been adopted, leading to an increasing variety of legislations, e.g. CLP regulation for Europe, OSHA in US, China GHS.

