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Avery Dennison ADvantage: Complete Compliance is a global service initiative that helps customers navigate the complexities of regulatory, trade and customer compliance issues. Complete Compliance delivers training, tools and

advice that guides customers through regulatory data and certifications to ensure products meet the compliance demands of specific applications.

What is the GHS?

In 2003, the United Nations adopted the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The GHS has criteria for the classification of health, physical, and environmental hazards of chemicals. It specifies what information should be included on the labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) that accompany hazardous chemicals.

GHS was meant to harmonize chemical hazard communication rules at the national, regional, and worldwide level. However, it is up to the government authorities in individual countries to decide how to apply the GHS within their own legal framework. Countries need to revise their existing hazard communication laws to align with GHS, and they do not always achieve exact alignment. Then, each time the GHS is revised, countries need to incorporate the revisions into their laws. Thus, although the intent of the GHS is to promote global consistency, in reality there is variation in the ways individual countries are implementing the GHS. GHS has been incorporated into the laws of many countries and regions including, but not limited to, the EU, the U.S., Canada, and many countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Hazard communication requirements apply to hazardous chemicals and are meant to protect workers. Articles are outside the scope of GHS and country-specific hazard communication requirements.

Avery Dennison's hazard communication programs meet the obligations of applicable requirements in relevant locations. With implementation of the GHS, labeling, SDSs, and other hazard communication materials because more consistent over time. In addition, Avery Dennison offers a portfolio of labels designed to be used as GHS-compliant labels.

Information on GHS is available at:

http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.



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