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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GHS

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Implementation Update

In August 2003, Canada released its Situational Analysis which compares the systems in Canada with existing hazard communication requirements to the GHS.

In October 2003, Canada held a workshop to launch GHS implementation. The purpose was to build a common understanding of GHS and to identify issues and options associated with the implementation of GHS in Canada.

Technical consultations have started and will proceed until June 2005. The Canadian consultation process revolves around multi-stakeholder Sectoral Working Groups based on delineation of regulatory authority (pest control products, workplace chemical, consumer products and transport of dangerous goods).

A multi-stakeholder cross sector committee was formed to identify and address issues common to the Sectors and address issues which may arise as a result of potential changes to the current system.

Canada is working toward full implementation of the GHS by 2008.

Progress will be posted on the Health Canada web site.
www.healthcanada.ca/ghs
www.santecanada.ca/sgh
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