

What you and your customers need to know about the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) Regulation

The Globally Harmonised System Regulation comes into effect on 1 June. The Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of the United Nations (UN) is a standard international system for the classification and labelling of chemicals, providing guidelines for packaging and safety data sheets. Member states of the UN worked with industry representatives and other interested delegations to develop this system.

Aims of the GHS Regulation

The classification system, which is valid worldwide, aims to reduce risks to both human health and the environment during manufacturing, transport and use of chemicals and mixtures with its standardized pictograms and texts.

In Europe, the GHS has been implemented in European Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008, also known as the CLP Regulation. CLP stands for classification, labelling and pack-

aging. This regulation brings the previous EU legislation in line with the GHS.

What will change from 1 June 2015 for you and your customers?

New signal words and pictograms with a white background and red diamond frame will replace the current orange hazard symbols. The regulation also redefines a number of limit values. This means that products that previously needed no label may be labelled in the future.

What does this mean for you as a commercial partner of Siebert?

Although Siebert products will get new labels, we will not be changing the product composition. You will continue to receive the high-quality products that you are used

to for your customers, but with the new pictograms and updated safety data sheets.

More information on the GHS Regulation

If you would like to learn more about the GHS, you can find additional useful information on the websites of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, The Federal Environmental Agency or the European Chemicals Agency.

- www.unece.org
- www.umweltbundesamt.de
- <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/clp>

