

# Single Deadline for all Manufacturers Under the Revised Hazard Communication Standard

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# TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Background
- Implementation
  - Deadlines
  - Problems associated with OSHA's single deadline approach
- Practical Solutions To The Single Deadline Approach



# Implementation:

# **Effective Date and Technical Compliance Deadlines**

- EFFECTIVE DATE: May 25, 2012. May comply with HCS-1994, HCS-2012 or both subject to the following deadlines.
- COMPLIANCE DEADLINE 1: December 1, 2013
  - New label and SDS formats and elements
- COMPLIANCE DEADLINE 2: June 1, 2015
  - Hazard classification, SDS, and shipped container labels. (Exception: until 12/1/2015, distributors may ship products that were labeled and shipped by manufacturers under the old system prior to 6/1/2015.)
  - Except if early supplier compliance discloses new hazard
- COMPLIANCE DEADLINE 3: June 1, 2016
  - Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication programs as necessary
  - Provide additional employee training for new information received as a result of the final rule (newly identified physical or health hazards)

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# SCOPE OF COVERAGE

- Manufacturers and Importers:
  - Assess inherent hazards (generally not risk) and classify chemical; create SDS (generally inherent hazards) & labels (consider risk)
- All Employers: Communicate info to their employees and contractor employers about hazardous chemicals they may be exposed to in normal operations or foreseeable emergencies
- Distributors: Transmit required info to downstream employers
  - Also responsible for proper label

#### PROBLEMS WITH EXISTING DEADLINES

# 1. Supply chain of manufacturers

- Same deadline
  - Basic chemicals
  - Formulated products
- Commercial products
  - Additives to enhance processing and use
  - Purity varies depending on commercial requirements
  - Supply chain depth unknown

#### PROBLEMS WITH DEADLINES

# **Example formulation**

- Adhesive
  - Resin
  - Diluent
  - Solvent
  - Drier/catalyst
  - Surfactant
  - Preservative

#### PROBLEMS WITH DEADLINES

# Supply chain of manufacturers

- All chemical manufacturers have until June 1, 2015
- Formulators also have until June 1, 2015
  - Updates to labels within 6 months
    - Supplier provided updated label
    - Aware of any significant hazards information
  - Three months for SDSs
- Cascade effect

#### PROBLEMS WITH DEADLINES

# Sources of the problem

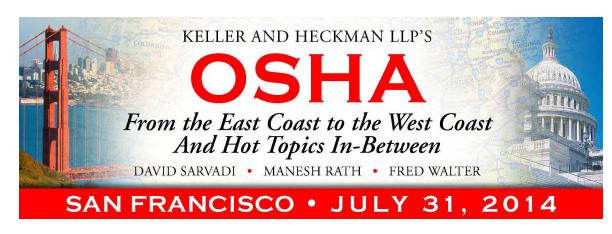
- Complex supply chains
- Lengthy supply chains
- Manufacturers of scores or even hundreds or thousands of chemicals
  - Coatings/inks with millions of colors
- Distributors that mix generic chemicals from different sources
- Leads to:
  - Almost daily compliance issues
    - Updates every 90 days

#### PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

- OSHA ignored comments highlighting the problems
- OSHA should address the deficiencies in OSHA's final rule
  - Industry cannot solve the problem
- Alternatives
  - Amendment to rule rulemaking required
  - Variance petition by one or more industries or manufacturers
  - Technical amendment?

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Tuesday, August 5, 2014

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