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Implementation of the GHS: reports on the status of implementation

Report on the implementation of GHS in South Africa

Transmitted by the expert from South Africa

Introduction

1. This document reports about the progress on implementation of the GHS in South Africa

Progress of implementation

2. A group of 29 Government Inspectors has been trained with the assistance of the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMi) on the classification and labelling of chemicals according to GHS. When possible an invitation was extended to Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries to send representatives to participate in the training.
3. Work has started by a Technical Committee within the Department of Labour to include the GHS into legislation. This work will likely continue for another 12 months.
4. Promotional material in the form of two posters has been developed to raise awareness amongst industry workers about GHS symbols and GHS labels.