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Update on the implementation of GHS in the European Union

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Background

1.   Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (the 'CLP Regulation') implements the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) in the European Union (EU). The application of CLP became mandatory for substances on 1 December 2010 and for mixtures on 1 June 2015. Mixtures that were placed on the market before 1 June 2015 and comply with the old EU system for classification and labelling may continue to be sold until 1 June 2017.

2.   The CLP Regulation is periodically updated through Adaptations to Technical and Scientific Progress (ATPs). It was aligned to the 4th revised edition of GHS through the 4th ATP to CLP (Commission Regulation (EU) No 487/2013), which became mandatory in respect of substances on 1 December 2014 and in respect of mixtures on 1 June 2015.

3.   The 5th revised edition of GHS was implemented in the EU through the 8th ATP to CLP (Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/918). This ATP was adopted on 19 May 2016 and entered into force on 4 July 2016. The new rules apply from 1 February 2018, but may be applied voluntarily before this date.

4.   In addition, Annex VI to the CLP Regulation, containing a list of harmonised classification and labelling of hazardous substances with over 4000 entries, is updated on an annual basis. The latest update of Annex VI is the 7th ATP to CLP (Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1221), which contains 32 new or revised harmonised classifications and becomes applicable on 1 January 2017.