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**Implementation of the GHS:
reports of the status of implementation**

Implementation of the GHS

Note by the secretariat

GHS adopted in Colombia

1. On 6 August 2018, Colombia's Labour Ministry published decree 1496 implementing the sixth revised edition of the GHS for chemicals used in the workplace (occupational safety), pesticides and consumer products and transport of dangerous goods (see <http://es.presidencia.gov.co/normativa/normativa/DECRETO%201496%20DEL%2006%20DE%20AGOSTO%20DE%202018.pdf>).
2. The competent ministries shall establish the implementing regulations and set the time limits for entry into force.
3. Pharmaceutical products, food additives, cosmetics, pesticide residues in foodstuffs and hazardous wastes are exempted from the application of GHS.

Entry into force of GHS in Mexico – end of transitional period

4. In October 2018, the Harmonized system for the identification and communication of hazards and risks from hazardous chemicals in the workplace (NORMA Oficial Mexicana NOM-018-STPS-2015, see <http://www.economia-noms.gob.mx/normas/noms/2010/018stps2015.pdf>), based on the fifth revised edition of the GHS, entered into force in Mexico, after a 3-year transitional period. Since 2015, Mexican companies could already prepare safety data sheets and labels according to GHS on a voluntary basis.
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