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OSHA's Final Rule Revises Hazard Communication Standard

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In March 2012, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a final rule revising its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations globally harmonized system of classification and labeling of chemicals. The revised HCS modifies the existing standard adopted in 1994. Those affected by the revised HCS (e.g., chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, users, etc.) are subject to several compliance deadlines phasing in the requirements of the revised HCS beginning on December 1, 2013, and continuing until June 1, 2016. The goal of the revised HCS is to improve the quality of warnings regarding hazardous chemicals in the work place.

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