

Outline of Requirements for SDS in Australia

Responsible for creation: supplier must provide initially and on request.

Language(s): English

Headers: 16 GHS Standard; exceptions: header 1 is supplemented: Identification of the material and supplier

SDS Section Content:

§1: GHS Standard; exceptions: no identifying numbers are required in CoP; Additions: Supplier contact info must be Australia-based; other names for substances should include the Proper Shipping Name and the name from the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons*(SUSDP)

§2: GHS Standard; General identification of hazards must be of the types:

- Hazardous Substance, Dangerous Goods
- Hazardous Substance, Non-dangerous Goods
- Dangerous Goods, Non-hazardous Substance

§3: GHS Standard; Generic names: use only for Type II substances¹ with “Declaration of Confidentiality” Form submission to Worksafe Australia, generic name choice rules; Name components which contribute to the classification; allowable ranges are >60%, 30-60%, 10 - <30%, <10%;

§4: GHS Standard;

§5: GHS Standard; Additions: Hazchem Code Recommended (note: it is required in §14)

§6: GHS Standard;

§7: GHS Standard;

§8: GHS Standard; Additions: National Exposure standards (*National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment* [NOHSC:1003]), biological limit values (*Guidelines for Health Surveillance* [NOHSC:7039].) Use phrases “no exposure standard allocated” and no biological limit allocated” when no national nor international standard value is available.

§9: GHS Standard;

§10: GHS Standard;

§11: GHS Standard;

§12: GHS Standard;

§13: GHS Standard;

§14: GHS Standard; Additions: Hazchem Code required

§15: GHS Standard; if not in from the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons*(SUSDP), use phrase ‘no Poisons Schedule number allocated’

§16: GHS Standard;

Classification:

Lists:

- NOHSC *List of Designated Hazardous Substances* [NOHSC:10005] ;
- ADG Code (transport)

Criteria:

- NOHSC *Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances* [NOHSC:1008]
 - These criteria are the same as those used in the European Community except for the definition of corrosive which is taken from the *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail* (ADG Code)⁵. The criteria are used for determining whether a substance is very toxic, toxic, harmful, irritant, sensitising, carcinogenic, mutagenic, teratogenic or corrosive. The approved criteria also include concentration cut-offs to be applied to determine whether a mixture is hazardous on the basis of the amount of a hazardous ingredient that it contains.
- ADG Code (transport)

Review/Update: At least every 5 years.

Registration of substance/preparation: provide a current MSDS to the Australian National Material Safety Data Sheet Repository, maintained by Worksafe Australia.

Documents consulted for creation of this overview:

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, 'National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances' [NOHSC:1005(1994)] in *Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances: National Model Regulations and National Code of Practice*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1994,
<<http://www.nohsc.gov.au/OHSInformation/NOHSCPublications/fulltext/toc/H3-21.htm>>.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, 'National Code of Practice for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances' [NOHSC:2007(1994)] in *Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances: National Model Regulations and National Code of Practice*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1994,
<<http://www.nohsc.gov.au/OHSInformation/NOHSCPublications/fulltext/toc/H3-12.htm>>.

Other standards which may apply:

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, *National Code of Practice for Labelling Hazardous Substances and Dangerous Goods in the Workplace* [NOHSC:2012(1994)], National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, Canberra, 2002.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, 'National Model Regulations for the Control of Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances [NOHSC:1011(1995)]', in *Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances Part 2 – Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances: National Model Regulations and National Code of Practice*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1995,
<<http://www.nohsc.gov.au/OHSInformation/NOHSCPublications/fulltext/toc/H3-22.htm>>.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, 'National Code of Practice for the Control of Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances [NOHSC:2014(1995)]', in *Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances Part 2 – Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances: National Model Regulations and National Code of Practice*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1995, <<http://www.nohsc.gov.au/OHSInformation/NOHSCPublications/fulltext/toc/H3-20.htm>>.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, *National Standard for the Storage and Handling of Workplace Dangerous Goods* [NOHSC:1015(2001)], National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, Sydney, 2001, <http://www.nohsc.gov.au/pdf/standards/NOHSC-1015-2001_STANDARD.pdf>.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, *National Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of Workplace Dangerous Goods* [NOHSC:2016(2001)], National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, Sydney, 2001, <http://www.nohsc.gov.au/pdf/standards/NOHSC-2017-2001_COP_pt01.pdf>.

ⁱ Ingredients which are assigned R20, R21, R22, R29, R31, R32, R33, R36, R37, R38, R41, R64, R65 but NOT R23, R24, R25, R26, R27, R28, R34, R35, R39, R40, R42, R43, R45, R46, R47, R48, R49, R60, R61, R62, R63