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New Provincial WHMIS Standards Deadlines

WHMIS Legislation and the new standards that are part of the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and are being phased in across Canada between February 2015 and December 2018.

Employers must ensure that workers are trained on:

- ❖ Controlled Products with WHMIS 1988 labels and material data safety sheets for as long as they are still used in the workplace
- ❖ Hazardous products with WHMIS 2015 labels and safety data sheets, as soon as possible before they are used

There are three Phases to the implementation of the new standards:

Phase 1 – February 11, 2015 to May 31, 2018

- Suppliers who are chemical manufacturers or importers may sell hazardous product with either the old WHMIS labels and safety data sheets or the new ones
- Employers may receive and use hazardous products with either the old WHMIS labels and safety data sheets or the new ones

By June 1, 2018, chemical manufacturers and importers must sell hazardous products with labels and safety data sheets that comply with the new WHMIS 2015 requirements.

Phase 2 – June 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018

- Suppliers who are chemical distributors may continue to sell hazardous products with either the old WHMIS labels and safety data sheets or the new ones
- Employers may continue to receive and use hazardous products with either the old WHMIS labels and safety data sheets or the new ones.

By September 1, 2018, distributors must sell hazardous product that comply with WHMIS 2015 requirements only. The transition to WHMIS 2015 must be complete for all suppliers.

Phase 3 – September 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018

- Employers should only be receiving hazardous products with WHMIS 2015 labels and safety data sheets
- Employers will have the final three months to bring their existing inventories of hazardous products into compliance with WHMIS 2015

December 1, 2018

- ❖ The transition to WHMIS 2015 must be complete for all manufacturers, importers, distributors, suppliers and employers.
- ❖ There should be **no** hazardous products in the workplace with **old WHMIS labels and safety data sheets**

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