Global Harmonized System (GHS) Compliance Quick Guide

WHAT IS GHS?
To explain GHS, we first have to start with the OSHA’s HazCom Standard (CFR 1910.1200). This standard ensures chemical safety in the workplace by requiring chemicals properly labeled and chemical hazards are identified in a way that is easily understood by workers. It requires Chemical manufacturers and importers to classify the hazards of the chemicals they produce or import, and prepare labels and safety data sheets (SDS) to convey the hazard information to their downstream customers.

Employers with hazardous chemicals in their workplaces must provide labels and SDSs for their hazardous chemicals and train exposed workers to understand the chemical hazards. While the HazCom standard gave workers the right to know, GHS gives them the right to understand.

SECONDARY CONTAINER LABELING:
Secondary containers are usually smaller containers, such as spray bottles, jugs, aliquots, or jars that chemicals are transferred to from the primary container once within the workplace.

- According to OSHA, secondary containers must comply with the labeling requirements.
- The label must include, at minimum, the full name of chemical, the hazard, the date transferred and the expiration date.

![Acetone Label Example](image-url)