



GHS

The new hazard symbols



What does GHS mean?

GHS stands for the "Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals" proposed by the United Nations. This classification according to consistent criteria is designed as one universal standard for all countries to follow and to replace all the diverse classification systems, so that the hazards of chemicals can be communicated worldwide with the same symbols, risk warnings and safety notifications on labels and safety data sheets. This should simplify international trading and above all improve the protection of people in countries with no classification and labelling system of their own. GHS is a framework system approved at UN level, but has to be implemented under the law of each country before it comes into effect.

GHS in Switzerland

Chemicals designated according to the GHS system can already be marketed in Switzerland. This ensures that new technical barriers to trading will not arise in connection with classification and labelling, which Switzerland has harmonized with EU law since 01.08.2005. GHS labelling is binding in Switzerland for substances since 01.12.2012 and for preparations (most chemical products, e.g. lubricants) since 01.06.2015.

PANOLIN alignment to GHS

PANOLIN Production AG is ensuring that all PANOLIN products are labelled according to the law.

