



What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do, How to Do It

The Rhino Safety Series of Fact Sheets

CLP Regulations Update (June 2015)

The identification of hazardous chemicals, and provision of information regarding their usage, is governed by *The Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation 1272/2008 (CLP)*. This European legislation is aligned with the United Nations' *Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)*.

Whilst businesses may not be particularly familiar with these Regulations, many will be familiar with their obligations under the *Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) 2002 Regulations*. The new requirements under the CLP Regulations will therefore have an impact on businesses' current Risk Assessments regarding COSHH.

From 1st June 2015, chemical suppliers **must** be fully compliant with the CLP Regulations. All products will be classified, labelled and packaged in accordance with the new requirements, which include new terms and pictograms. The only exception is for products that were already within the supply chain at 1st June 2015; in which case, there is a two-year period of derogation to allow such stock to be used up.

In real terms, this means that end-users will start to see a difference in the labelling and packaging of their chemicals.

Previously, where the symbols that indicated hazard were orange, they will now be red-framed:

Example of Previous Symbol:



Example of New Pictogram:



(A full list of pictograms follows at the end of this Fact Sheet)

In addition, new terms have been coined:

Previous Phrase	New Phrase
Preparation	Mixture
Dangerous	Hazardous
Symbols	Pictogram
Risk Phrases	Hazard Statements
Safety Phrases	Precautionary Statements
Indications of Danger	Signal Words (e.g. Danger, Warning)

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So what does this mean for businesses with COSHH obligations? Well, it's important to remember that this is a *classification and labelling* issue; it does **not** change the level of risk associated with a particular substance. The product itself will be no more or less hazardous than it was before; it will simply be labelled differently.

As a result, it will not be necessary for businesses to change the way in which they control the associated risk. However, it may well be necessary to review the relevant Risk Assessments and replace references to the relevant phrases and pictograms as appropriate.













In addition, it would be advisable to inform workers of the changes, and make them aware that they should continue to use safe practices in their usage of the relevant products in accordance with the relevant Risk Assessments and their previous training.

Employer Checklist:

- ✓ Be alert for new labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).
- ✓ Inform workers of the changes, and explain how to understand them.
- ✓ Ensure usage of the substance or mixture complies with the SDS.
- ✓ Comply with the advice and guidance on new labels and SDS.
- ✓ Verify whether the classification has changed.
- ✓ Review relevant Risk Assessments and update if necessary.
- ✓ Check with your supplier if you are unsure of anything.

As always, Rhino will ensure that all clients are fully compliant with the legislation, and will implement any necessary changes.

New CLP Pictograms



Old Symbol	Equivalent New Pictogram	Meaning
		<i>Explosive</i>
		<i>Highly or extremely flammable</i>
		<i>Oxidising</i>
		<i>(very) Toxic</i>
		<i>Corrosive</i>
		<i>Dangerous for the environment</i>

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The 'harmful' symbol (below left) has now been replaced by the exclamation mark pictogram, which represents less serious health hazards such as skin irritancy or sensitisation:



There are also two completely new pictograms:

	Serious longer term health hazards such as carcinogenicity or respiratory sensitisation
	Contains gas under pressure

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