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**Implementation of the GHS: reports on the status of implementation**

### **Report on the implementation of GHS in South Africa**

**Transmitted by the expert from South Africa**

#### **Introduction**

1. This document reports on the progress on implementation of the GHS in South Africa

#### **Progress of implementation**

2. On 29 March 2021 the South African Department of Employment and Labour promulgated into law the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
  3. These regulations make GHS classification, SDS and labelling compulsory for hazardous chemicals in the work environment. There will be an 18-month transition period for implementation from the date of promulgation.
  4. The building block prescribed in the Regulations are based with Revision 8 of 2019 of the GHS Purple Book.
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