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GHS virtual training in South Africa

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Purpose

- 1. This paper is to inform the subcommittee of RPMASA's continued initiative for virtual GHS Training in South Africa with the ongoing covid19 pandemic and varying levels of lockdowns.
- 2. As informed in informal document INF.5 the National Dept of Labour gazetted their Hazardous Chemical Agents Regulations on the 29^{th.} March bringing urgency for SA Industry to review and/or revise the classification of their products to comply with the GHS and compile GHS compliant Safety Data Sheets and product labels in line with the 8th revision of the GHS.
- 3. RPMASA has continued its' initiative started last year to present virtual GHS training via MS Teams with training materials couriered to learners. This has proved popular with the continued constraints of covid and varying levels of lockdown.
- 4. Virtual GHS introduction and advanced courses were presented in February and April. The next courses are scheduled for July and then September.