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 Report on the implementation of the GHS in the United States of America hazard communication standard

 Transmitted by the expert from the United States

 Introduction

1. This informal paper reports on the progress of implementing the GHS revision 7 into the U.S. Hazard Communication Standard.

**Background**

2. In 2012, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the GHS revision.

**Progress of implementation**

3. In February, 2021, OSHA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to update the HCS to align with the GHS revision 7, with options to include provisions of revision 8:

 Chapter 3.2 – non-animal test methods for skin corrosion/irritation

 Chapter 2.3 – new classification criteria for aerosols

Chapter 2.3 – new hazard category for aerosols – chemicals under pressure

 Annex 1-3 – updated medical and precautionary statements

4. OSHA held an informal hearing presided over by an adjuvant law judge.

5. OSHA is currently receiving comments from interested stakeholders. Comment period closes December 22, 2021.

6. OSHA will develop a final rule based on all comments and documents submitted to the agency.

7. OSHA will develop guidance based on stakeholder feedback and the final rule.