



INCPA Position Statement on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

Who is INCPA?

INCPA is the International Network of Cleaning Products Associations.

INCPA member organizations serve economies totalling over 2.7 billion people, with the market value of their member companies' products totalling over \$250 billion (USD).

INCPA members are committed to developing, manufacturing, distributing and marketing innovative, sustainable and effective products that are safe for end-users and the environment.

What is GHS?

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS¹) is an internationally harmonized approach to classification and labelling.

It aims to ensure that globally consistent information on physical hazards and toxicity from chemicals is available to enhance the protection of human health and the environment during the handling and use of these chemicals, by providing the basis for harmonization of rules and regulations of chemicals at national, regional and worldwide level; an important factor also for trade facilitation.

Position Statement

INCPA supports implementation of GHS that promotes:

1. Science-based/evidence-based chemical risk management.
 - Have regard to the majority, informed opinions of the relevant scientific communities.
 - Weight of evidence approach allowing full utilisation of available, reliable information.
2. Protection of human health and the environment
 - Balanced consideration of risks and benefits to overall human health and the environment.
3. Clear communication to the end-user
 - Have regard to the degree of end user knowledge of chemical hazard and risk communication.
 - Consider digitalisation as a useful communication tool.
4. Trade facilitation
 - Globally convergent hazard and risk communication based on common GHS building blocks.
 - Self-classification of chemicals based on full weight of evidence consideration.
5. Innovation and new technologies
 - Flexibility to foster innovation and new technologies.

¹ For more information: <https://unece.org/about-ghs>.

INCPA Associations

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[Accord Australasia \(Accord\)](#)

[American Cleaning Institute \(ACI\)](#)

[Association Internationale de la Savonnerie, de la Détergence et des Produits d'Entretien \(A.I.S.E.\)](#)

[Cámara de la Industria Cosmética y de Aseo, Asociación Nacional de Empresarios de Colombia \(ANDI\)](#)

[Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association \(CCSPA\)](#)

[China Cleaning Industry Association \(CCIA\)](#)

[Council of the Latin American Cosmetic, Personal Care, and Home Care Industries \(CASIC\)](#)

[Household & Commercial Products Association \(HCPA\)](#)

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[United Kingdom Cleaning Products Industry Association \(UKCPI\)](#)

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