



Are you GHS ready?

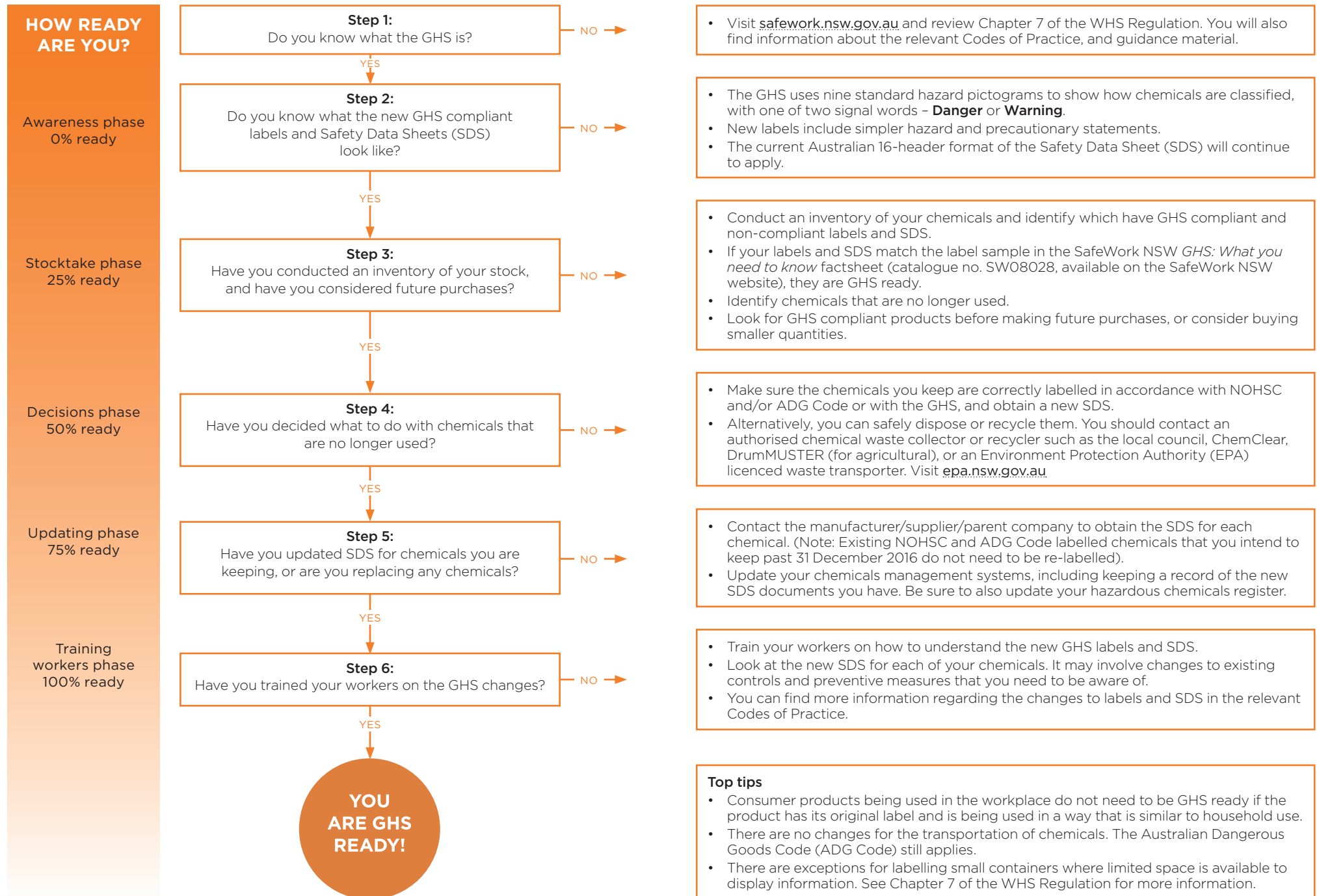


A new system of chemical classification and hazard communication is coming into effect and you need to be ready.

It's called the Globally Harmonised System (or GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. The new system replaces the existing system for classifying hazardous substances and dangerous goods in the workplace.

NSW businesses have until 31 December 2016 to become GHS ready. This document outlines six simple steps to help you get there.

Six simple steps to get ready for the GHS



Arrangements for the implementation of GHS

A range of further policy and legislative changes for GHS labelling implementation have been agreed at a national level under the Work Health and Safety legislation. There are also some specific changes relating to Agricultural and Veterinary (AgVet) chemicals in New South Wales.

At a **national** level it has been agreed that:

- Hazardous chemicals manufactured or imported and labelled prior to 1 January 2017 will be exempt from GHS labelling requirements provided these chemicals are correctly labelled in accordance with the NOHSC and/or ADG Code. This means that products already in the supply chain will not need to be relabelled if they are correctly labelled in accordance with NOHSC and/or the ADG Code.
- All hazardous chemical products manufactured or imported from **1 January 2017** MUST be labelled in accordance with GHS requirements before being supplied.
- Existing hazardous chemicals (correctly labelled in accordance with NOHSC and/or ADG Code) already in the end user's workplace will not be required to be relabelled with GHS labels.
- Agricultural and Veterinary (AgVet) medicines listed in schedule 8 of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) will not require GHS labelling.
- AgVet medicines listed in schedule 4 of the SUSMP that are in a form and packaging consistent with direct administration to animals will not require GHS labelling.

In **New South Wales** it has been agreed that AgVet chemicals that are labelled in accordance with APVMA requirements will not need to comply with GHS labelling until 1 January 2018.

All these changes extend to suppliers of hazardous chemicals for their responsibilities on labelling.

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