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Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) Adopts New Safety Labeling System - Reminder

The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) is now aligned with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). This update to the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) is intended to simplify and standardize labeling practices to improve communication regarding hazard information on labels and safety data sheets.

How this Impacts You.

As of June 1st, Johns Manville will be phasing in new GHS compliant labels. This transition will last through Q3 of 2015. Johns Manville customers will be required by OSHA to only install materials that include these updated labels after December 1, 2015. Thus JM and our distributors will not be able to ship any materials that do include the updated labels after this date.

As a roofing professional, contractor or distributor, you are required to ensure that containers in the workplace are labeled. You may use the same label that Johns Manville provides or you may label workplace containers with alternative compliant labeling systems. Any container of hazardous chemicals in the workplace must, at a minimum, include the product identifier, general information concerning the chemical hazards, and appropriate precautionary measures. All workers need to have access to the complete hazard information.

Below is a quick chart for reference on the new HCS icons you will see with the OSHA change. Please reach out to your sales representative with any questions.

<p>Health Hazard</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carcinogen ▪ Mutagenicity ▪ Reproductive Toxicity ▪ Respiratory Sensitizer ▪ Target Organ Toxicity ▪ Aspiration Toxicity 	<p>Flame</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flammables ▪ Pyrophorics ▪ Self-Heating ▪ Emits Flammable Gas ▪ Self-Reactives ▪ Organic Peroxides 	<p>Exclamation Mark</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irritant (skin and eye) ▪ Skin Sensitizer ▪ Acute Toxicity ▪ Narcotic Effects ▪ Respiratory Tract Irritant ▪ Hazardous to Ozone Layer (Non-Mandatory)
<p>Gas Cylinder</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gases Under Pressure 	<p>Corrosion</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skin Corrosion/Burns ▪ Eye Damage ▪ Corrosive to Metals 	<p>Exploding Bomb</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explosives ▪ Self-Reactives ▪ Organic Peroxides
<p>Flame Over Circle</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oxidizers 	<p>Environment (Non-Mandatory)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aquatic Toxicity 	<p>Skull and Crossbones</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acute Toxicity (fatal or toxic)

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