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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Working Group appointed by the Technical Committee for Chemistry under the direction of the Chemical Standards Committee. It is a revision of SS 586 : Part 2 : 2008. This revision includes a new section on Singapore's decision on the generic concentration limits for some hazard classes. The sections on labelling requirements and training were also revised.

SS 586 'Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods' consists of the following three parts which are complementary to one another:

- Part 1 : Transport and storage of dangerous goods,
- Part 2 : Globally harmonised system of classification and labelling of chemicals – Singapore's adaptations, and
- Part 3 : Preparation of safety data sheets (SDS).

SS 586 : Part 1 provides information and guidance on the classification of dangerous goods (DG) by the types of hazards they present. It also provides information on standard hazard communication DG labels. This part applies to the storage and transportation of dangerous goods by road in Singapore, which includes carriages in bulk, tank-vehicles, vehicles with demountable tanks as well as by vehicles carrying dangerous goods in packages. The transportation of dangerous goods by sea and air is subject to the requirements of International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA) / International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) respectively and is not covered in this standard.

SS 586 : Parts 2 and 3 provide guidance for the implementation of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Preparation of Safety Data Sheets in Singapore. GHS is an international system for the classification of chemicals by the types of hazards they present. It provides information on standard hazard communication elements including labels and SDS. The GHS helps to ensure that information on physical hazards, health hazards and environmental hazards from chemicals is made available, in order to enhance the protection of human health and the environment during the handling, transport, and use of these chemicals. The GHS also provides for the global harmonisation of rules and regulations on the classification, labelling and SDS of chemicals.

For agricultural pesticides in Singapore, the competent authority AVA requires labelling information such as relevant hazard, caution statements and graphic symbols, recommended by the WHO/FAO Hazard Classification Code, as well as other information as required under the Second Schedule of the Control of Plants (Registration of Pesticides) Rules.

In order to register formulated pesticides with NEA (Vectors Control), NEA requires the formulated pesticides to be of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class III hazards or less hazardous than Class III. Labelling information can be found in the Guidebook to the Registration of Public Health Pesticides and Repellents against Vectors.

In preparing this part of the Singapore Standard, reference was made to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Purple Book, revision 4) published by the United Nations. The GHS document may be obtained by:

1. Purchasing directly from the United Nations (<https://unp.un.org/>) as a book or a CD. (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_pubdet.html)
2. Downloading from the internet as pdf files (<http://www.unece.org/?id=25985>).

Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from the above publications.

This standard is expected to be used by chemical manufacturers, importers, suppliers, users, and supply chain service providers. The national competent authorities such as the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA), Health Sciences Authority (HSA), Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Manpower (MOM), National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) and Singapore Police Force (SPF) may use this standard to supplement their regulations and / or guidelines.

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1 Scope

This Singapore Standard adopts the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, which provides an international system for the classification of chemicals by the types of hazards that they present. It also specifies standard hazard communication elements including labels and safety data sheets.

The GHS helps to ensure that information on physical hazards, health hazards and environmental hazards from chemicals is made available, in order to enhance the protection of human health and the environment during the handling, transport, and use of these chemicals.

The GHS provides for the global harmonisation of rules and regulations on the classification and labelling of chemicals as well as hazard communication about chemicals.

The GHS is adapted by Singapore for the classification and labelling of chemicals in Singapore and for their use in international trade.

This standard provides guidance for the implementation of the GHS in Singapore.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. The latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (referred to as “GHS” or the “Purple Book revision 4” in this standard).

SS 586 : Part 1 Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods, Part 1 : Transport and storage of dangerous goods,

SS 586 : Part 3 Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods, Part 3 : Preparation of safety data sheets (SDS)

2.2 Informative reference

The use of safety data sheets for hazardous chemicals are intended to provide hazard information to users of the chemicals can be found in Annex A.