

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCT INFORMATION NEWS

Transition to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

DuluxGroup is a leading marketer and manufacturer of premium branded products that protect, maintain and enhance the spaces and places in which we live and work.

DuluxGroup's Australian businesses manufacture and market a broad portfolio of products including paints & coatings, general home maintenance & repair, garden care and construction chemicals products marketed under leading brands such as Dulux, AcraTex, Berger, Cabot's, Parchem, Selleys, and Yates.

During 2012 and 2013, all Australian states other than WA and Victoria adopted the harmonised model for Workplace and Health and Safety (**WHS**) legislation. The WHS legislation prescribes a Globally Harmonised System (**GHS**) for the classification and labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals and the content and layout of their respective Safety Data Sheets (**SDS**) and product labels.

DuluxGroup currently ensures that the packaging and Safety Data Sheets of every product comply with the **National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets [NOHSC:2011(2003)]**. From 1 January 2017, this code will no longer apply across Australia with the majority of states adopting the GHS.

DuluxGroup is in the process of transitioning packaging and Safety Data Sheets to the GHS, and this gradual transition will be completed by 31st December, 2016.

Safe Work Australia's chemical classifications are in accordance with the **Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)**. For more information, on the new code, please go to www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au

All new DuluxGroup products will now have new code compliant labels and Safety Data Sheets. All existing DuluxGroup products will transition to the new code and be compliant by the end of 2016. During the transition, you might notice new labels on some products and pack sizes, while other products or pack sizes are still packaged in the older labels across our various company-owned and independent outlets, until the transition period expires.

It is important to note that these are labelling and classification changes only; there will be no changes to our products. The products, application methods, performance properties, mix ratios (where applicable), and all other details remain exactly the same.

DuluxGroup goes beyond existing regulatory requirements by supplying Safety Data Sheets for non-hazardous substances. These types of products do not fall within Worksafe Australia's mandatory requirements, but SDS are provided to assist customers to interpret the lower level of risk that may still be associated with the use of non-hazardous products and to help them use our products safely. In addition, the new labelling requirements do not apply to goods primarily intended for domestic (household consumer) use. Labelling of these products is governed by the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP), or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) for home or garden products.