



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SADC GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEMS (GHS) WORKSHOP.

Venue: Hotel 224
Date: 20-21 January 2011
Time: 09:00 – 16:00

1.	<p>OPENING AND WELCOME</p> <p>The SADC TRLC Chairperson (Zimbabwe- Mr Petros Ndanga) welcomed all the participants.</p>
2.	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p> <p>The Agenda was accepted with no additional items.</p> <p>LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Botswana - Lesotho - Madagascar - Malawi - Mauritius - Mozambique - Namibia - Seychelles - South Africa - Swaziland - Zambia - Zimbabwe - SADCSTAN - SADC Secretariat - Industry - Bureau of Standards <p>APOLOGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No apologies

<p>3.</p>	<p>OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To finalise a draft Policy Proposal on SADC GHS and submit to the SADC Trade and Industry Ministerial meeting for approval, Forward to final Policy Proposal to the relevant Ministries responsible for Occupational Health and Safety and Transport in all SADC Countries • To develop a Model Regulation that will serve as an Annex to the Policy paper • To have an agreement from the regulators (per country) on the used of harmonised SADC GHS standards text which will be adopted as national standards and which is in line with the UN GHS version one as the technical basis for their regulations • The regulators to start a process of developing regulations taking into consideration the time frames, the consensus process and comment process <p>Current status of GHS in member states</p> <p>All the member states were given an opportunity to present the progress and challenges experienced with regard to the GHS implementation in their countries. Member countries that did not have electronic presentations will send their progress report to the SADC TRLC Secretariat by end of February 2011.</p> <p>The following presentations were made by the SADC GHS Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background to the use and implementation of the GHS in SADC - The draft policy proposal for the use and implementation of the globally harmonized system of classification and labeling of chemicals (GHS) in regulations for occupational health and safety and transport in the Southern Africa Development Community - Draft GHS model regulations <p>Members were also given the opportunity to discuss and present their inputs to the draft documents.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>COMMENTS</p> <p>POLICY PROPOSAL COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should include a table of contents paper • Make provision in the principle Act that the Ministers will develop regulations from time to time • Include a separate page to describe the abbreviations and acronyms • Include and refer to the SAICM agreement • Describe the references clearly • Change the title to Proposal Policy for the use and implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals in SADC • Should not depend on just the regulations but also consider the adopting other the principle Acts • Regroup and rearrange the text • Policy paper must clearly outline or describe the background and history of the GHS and the importance of GHS • Editorial changes in some of the paragraphs and rearrange the numberings • Include and clearly describe data on chemical volumes • Paragraph 2 to read "Aim of the Policy" • The background information should be a stand alone document supporting the policy • It will be necessary to check that countries have the enabling legislation to implement in the GHS

	<p>MODEL REGULATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be generic, clear and in line with the regulation • Rearrange numberings • Create section 2.8 to cover environment • Clarification on the resolution or disputes • Use the word “Shall” instead of “May” • Editorial changes in some of the wordings
<p>5.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS FEEDBACK</p> <p>All SADC member countries were invited. The workshop was sponsored by the dti, South Africa and PTB. The invitation was for Government representatives responsible for Occupational Health and Safety and Transport.</p> <p>Most SADC countries attended, except Angola and Tanzania. A total number of 40 people attended the workshop. .</p> <p>The workshop was held at Hotel 224, Schoeman Street, Pretoria.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>WAY FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member states to arrange public awareness activities and consultation sessions • Members states to develop the National GHS Implementation Strategies • Member states to plan and implement National GHS trainings • Extend the SADC GHS Working Group with SADC GHS Experts to finalise the SADC GHS Policy Proposal. The extended SADC GHS WG members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seychelles _ Mr Allen S de L’Etourdie • Zambia – Mr K Chivunda • Zimbabwe – Mr R Dliwayo • South Africa – Mr R. Sadiki • SADC TRLC to monitor progress with national implementation • The proposed policy paper has to conform to the SADC standard format for policies. SADC Secretariat to assist with policy template by end of February 2011 • The SADC GHS extended Working Group to finalise draft 2 of SADC GHS Policy proposal to SADC TRLC by end of March 2011 and forward to all the SADC GHS workshop attendees for comment • The comment period for all is 3 months, that is by June 2011the comments should reach the SADC TRLC Secretariat • SADC TRLC to incorporate the comments and produce the final policy proposal for submission to the Ministers of Trade and Industry. • SADC TRLC requested to assist to secure funding for the next SADC GHS working group meeting and the GHS training that may take place in Gauteng in March 2011.
<p>8.</p>	<p>Closure</p>