

# Update on the Status of implementation of GHS in Botswana

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# Focal Points

The following departments are stakeholders in Chemicals Management:

1. Department of Waste Management and Pollution Control
2. Department of Road Transport and Safety
3. Department of Occupational Health and Safety
4. Department of Industrial Affairs
5. Ministry of Agriculture
6. Ministry of Health
7. Botswana Bureau of Standards

# Main Relevant Legislation

The following legislation is relevant in Chemicals Management:

1. Waste Management Act
2. Road Traffic Act
3. Factories Act
4. Industrial Act
5. Standards Act
6. Agrochemicals Act
7. Food and Drugs Act

# GHS implementation Status

1. Botswana made comments to the GHS (SANS 10234 – Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals) and hosted a meeting in November 2010 that came up with some resolutions.
2. In the process of Ratifying the ILO Convention 170 on Chemical Safety
3. Reviewing the Factories Act to increase its scope in order to incorporate all Occupational Health and Safety standards including GHS Harmonized Text

# GHS implementation Status cont..

4. Developing Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations in line with UN Regulations
5. Botswana is a signatory of the Basil Convention on the Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste
6. Botswana is a signatory to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

# Conclusion

- ▶ Botswana looks forward to the finalisation of the SADC GHS Harmonized Text and will work together with the region in implementing it at National Level
- ▶ Botswana looks forward to coming up with regulations that will reference SADC GHS Harmonized Text

**Thank you for your audience**