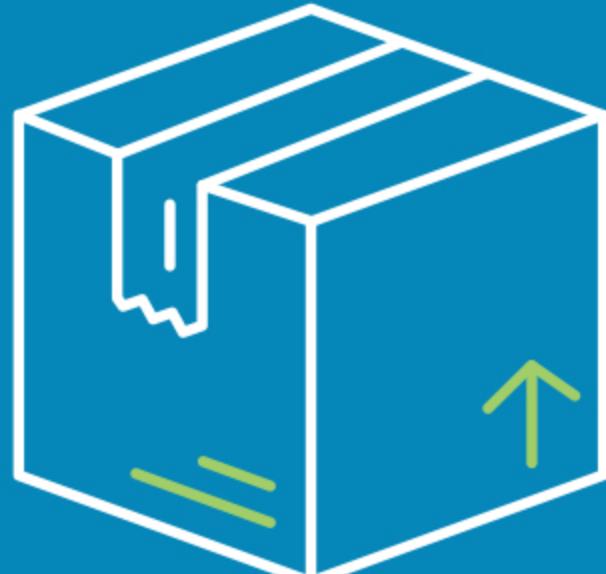


Top Regulations to Watch in 2025

2025 is a year of regulatory changes, set to transform the way businesses process data, manage chemical risk and bring products to market. But responding to evolving standards can be overwhelming for even the most methodical organizations.

We have curated an overview of the key regulations to follow in 2025, from environmental laws to workplace safety standards. Our team of regulatory experts continually monitors and updates our database to help customers ensure compliance. We will update this space as regulations change.



01.

CLP & REACH Updates

What it is: EU legislation on hazardous chemical classification, labeling and packaging (CLP) as well as the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH)

Why it matters: Improved chemical management and hazard communication to protect human health and the environment from the risks chemicals pose

Who it affects: Chemical suppliers operating in the EU

What's new: Revisions to both classification requirements adding provisions for more than one constituent substances and many labeling updates with the most significant being newly mandated label font size. Microplastics restrictions are being implemented by the market and guidance has been issued. For REACH an update is in progress and is expected to be published in late 2025.

02.

Data Transfer and Sharing

What it is: Continued trend of increasing data requirements and the need to communicate this data across borders and industries

Why it matters: Important to efficiently do business and also to be prepared to meet future regulatory requirements

Who it affects: All industries and supply chains around the world

What's new: Digital labeling requirements, digital product passports, electronic transfer of data and updated requirements for PCN



03.

Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act)

What it is: California requirements for giving warnings of significant chemicals exposure

Why it matters: Quick notice to the public can prevent cancer, birth defects and other harm

Who it affects: Businesses operating in California, including manufacturing, food, consumer goods and online retailers

What's new: Stricter label requirements, limitations to short-form warnings, expansions to regulated substances and greater scrutiny for online retailers and manufacturers

04.

GHS Updates & Rev 10

What it is: Update to the UN's Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for Classification and Labelling Chemicals and countries subsequent implementations and updates

Why it matters: Noncompliance risks global market access and understanding updates to UN GHS gives a roadmap for various country regulations

Who it affects: Businesses around the globe, especially those operating in the EU, China, Canada and Australia

What's new: Refined hazard classifications, stricter communication standards and country-specific implementation timelines



05.

China GHS Updates

What it is: Chinese legislation on the handling of hazardous substances

Why it matters: Non-compliance penalties are rising with the standards for workplace and environmental safety

Who it affects: Businesses operating in or exporting to China, including manufacturers, importers and distributors

What's new: Revised chemical classification standards, Safety Data Sheet rules, labeling requirements and increased inspections

06.

Japan GHS Updates

What it is: Japanese standards on handling hazardous substances, including its GHS legislation

Why it matters: Compliance protects employees and the environment from harmful chemical exposure

Who it affects: Businesses operating in Japan, especially manufacturers and chemical importers

What's new: New hazard classifications and regulated substances and enhanced Safety Data Sheet, labeling, reporting and workplace safety requirements



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