

READ IT. THEN USE IT.

Chemical handling. The label and the safety data sheet tell you everything.

9 GHS pictograms. Learn them: they tell you the hazard before you open the container.



1 **KNOW THE LABEL**
Product name, pictograms, signal word (Danger or Warning), hazard and precautionary statements, supplier. If any are missing, stop.

2 **CHECK THE SDS**
Sixteen sections. Section 4 is first aid, section 7 handling and storage, section 8 the PPE you must wear.

3 **STORE INCOMPATIBLES APART**
Acids away from bases and cyanides, oxidisers away from flammables, in banded and ventilated stores with quantities kept to a minimum.

4 **DECANT INTO LABELLED CONTAINERS ONLY**
Never into food or drink bottles. Label the new container with the same name and pictograms.

5 **VENTILATE AND PROTECT**
Work in ventilated areas or under extraction. Wear the gloves, eye and respiratory protection the SDS specifies, not a guess.

6 **SPILLS AND EXPOSURE**
Contain, ventilate, report. Eyes: 15 minutes at the eyewash. Skin: remove clothing and rinse. Take the SDS to the medic.

No label, no SDS, no use.

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Hazardous Chemical Agents Regulations, 2021 (OHS Act) adopt the Globally Harmonised System via SANS 10234. The employer must keep a safety data sheet for every hazardous chemical agent and make it available to every person who may be exposed.

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