

GHS Transition for Chemical Manufacturers Facilitated with Atrion's Product Compliance Solution

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 20, 2009— Atrion International announces that its Product Compliance Solution fully supports the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). The solution automates the creation of globally compliant and multi-lingual MSDS/SDS, labels, hazard summary sheets as well as documents related to transportation, inventory reports and more, enabling global chemical formulators and manufacturers to produce GHS-compliant documents with minimal IT, EH&S resources or additional content expenditures.

“Atrion’s Product Compliance Solution combines software applications, up-to-date Managed Regulatory Content, access to regulatory portals as well as post-sales implementation and service support,” said Frank Arcadi, Vice President, Product Strategy & Direction. “This helps manufacturers to create, manage and distribute a variety of hazards communication documents and reports using a single enterprise-wide solution. These companies are now able to easily and cost-effectively adapt, manage and respond to global GHS legislative changes while controlling any existing or future product compliance risk such as loss of sales, regulatory fines, customer issues and bad customer relationships.”

Atrion’s product compliance solution fully automates the creation of hazards and communications documents—combining regulatory data, toxicology and physical properties, compliant forms, standardized rules and translated phrase libraries—in compliance with GHS legislation. By simply using product information, customers are able to generate complete country-specific compliant documents for multiple economies (NA, EU, Asia-Pacific) and in over 40 languages. In addition, Atrion’s Managed Regulatory Content is designed to enable the assessment of GHS classification only ‘once’ based on available data, and the country-specific rules embedded in the system will apply country-specific nuances.

Atrion also provides manufacturers with the option of cost-effectively outsourcing their SDS production using Atrion’s Authoring Services. This enables companies to reduce internal IT and EH&S overhead and regulatory content maintenance costs, and re-allocate these scarce resources to core business activities.

In addition, manufacturers are able to leverage the expertise of Atrion’s in-house Regulatory Experts who monitor and stay on top of global regulations and work with regulators to get official interpretations. This combined with access to ‘forums’ of experts such as customer peer groups for discussions and information exchange on GHS implementation offers manufacturers a distinct advantage when dealing with business issues surrounding a disharmonized GHS.

More About Atrion’s Product Compliance Solution

Atrion’s Product Compliance Solution is comprised of four suites, all of which are powered by Atrion’s Managed Regulatory Content:

- Materials Compliance Suite (MCS) is an innovative and highly flexible component-based suite of stand-alone compliance products specifically designed to provide seamless raw materials management, auto creation and authoring of MSDS and other safety related documents in over 40 languages.
- Chemical Management Solution (CMS) provides the technological infrastructure for companies using chemicals at any stage of the supply chain—to reduce costs and optimize efforts, while remaining in compliance with legislations.
- Compliance Suite for EH&S complements SAP’s EH&S offering and is delivered as a pre-packaged solution allowing

organizations to easily integrate Atrion's Managed Regulatory Content and expertise into their existing SAP EH&S environments.

- Regulatory Analysis Solution (RAS) provides regulatory compliance within Infor PLM Optiva.

About Atrion International

Atrion International Inc., founded in 1989, delivers the most reliable, product compliance solutions for multinational 'formula-based' companies. By integrating the largest set of managed regulatory content into a prepackaged automated solution and connecting to key ERP systems, Atrion's Product Compliance Solution ensures that products will reach customers with minimal risks to brand image and shareholder value. Atrion International is headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, Canada with offices in the United States and Europe.

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