

Know the WHMIS 2015 Exceptions!

In accordance with the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR), there are certain situations where suppliers are exempt from SDS or labeling requirements. Make sure you're familiar with them.



Outer Containers

If hazardous products are packaged in multi-containers, the outer container does not require a label if:

- The inner container's label is visible and legible through the outer container under routine handling and storage conditions
- The outer container has a label that complies with Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations



Small Capacity Containers (3ml or less)

These can have a legible, durable label for the purposes of transport and storage, as a standard label may impede routine use of the product.



Small Capacity Containers (100ml or less)

These do not require precautionary or hazard statements on labels.



Complex Mixtures/Ingredients

A supplier can disclose the generic name for hazardous products that are complex mixtures or contain an ingredient in a complex mixture. They can also provide the concentration of the complex mixture if it's an ingredient in the product.



Bulk Shipments

These products are sold without any packaging and don't require a label, whether they're shipped or picked up at the supplier's place of business. However, information found in sections 1 and 2 of the SDS must be used by the purchaser to create a label.



Sale for Exportation

If hazardous products are not going to be used in a workplace in Canada and are transported only for the purposes of that sale, they do not require an SDS or label.



Symbol Repetition on a Label

Hazardous products that have TDG symbols on the label do not require a pictogram.



Importation to Bring into Compliance

Suppliers can import a hazardous product that is not in compliance with HPR labelling requirements if the label is made compliant before the product is re-sold and used in a Canadian workplace.



In Transit Products

Hazardous products don't require an SDS or label when they're being transported through Canada after import and before export, and when the initial loading and final destination are outside of Canada.

Make sure you know your exceptions under WHMIS 2015