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To whom it may concern,

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NOTIFICATION ON THE GAZETTING OF THE INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE ON CHEMICALS CLASSIFICATION AND HAZARD COMMUNICATION (ICOP CHC) 2014 [P.U.(B) 128]

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) wishes to inform you that the Industry Code of Practice on Chemicals Classification and Hazard Communication 2014 [P.U.(B) 128/2014] has been gazette on 16th April 2014.

2. ICOP CHC 2014 is a document providing further explanation on provisions within the Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet for Hazardous Chemical) Regulations 2013 (CLASS Regulations). ICOP CHC 2014 consists of 4 main parts, which are:

- i. Part 1 : List of Classified Chemicals
- ii. Part 2 : Chemicals Classification
- iii. Part 3 : Hazard Communication : Labelling and Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- iv. Part 4 : Confidential Business Information (CBI)

3. To ensure all related bodies having sufficient time to comply with CLASS Regulations 2013, a thorough preparation period of one (1) year is given starting from the date ICOP CHC 2014 was gazetted.

4. In conjunction with that, chemicals manufacturer and importer are required to send inventory of hazardous chemicals for the current year by 31st March of the following year. However, the inventory submission will only start in 2016 (submission by 31st March 2016) for year 2015's inventory.

5. Even though **thorough preparation period** is given, suppliers of chemicals used in work place are still bound to provisions under Section 21 (1)(a)(b) and (c), Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994, which is :

- (a) to ensure, so far as is practicable, that the substance is safe and without risks to health when properly used;
- (b) to carry out or arrange for the carrying out of such testing and examination as may be necessary for the performance of the duty imposed on him by paragraph (a); and
- (c) to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that there will be available in connection with the use of the substance at work adequate information about the results of any relevant test which has been carried out on or in connection with the substance and about any condition necessary to ensure that it will be safe and without risks to health when properly used.

6. Summary of important details regarding CLASS Regulation 2013 is as follow:
- i. **Date of Gazette of CLASS Regulations 2013 : 11th October 2013**
 - ii. **Date of Enforcement of CLASS Regulations : 12th October 2013**
 - iii. **Date of Gazette of Industry Code of Practice 2014, ICOP CHC 2014: 16 April 2014**
 - iv. **Date of Enforcement of ICOP CHC 2014 : 17 April 2014**
 - v. **Thorough Preparation Period for Full Compliance of CLASS Regulations 2013: 17th April 2014 until 16th April 2015.**
 - vi. **First Inventory Submission by 31st March 2016 for 2015's inventory onwards.**

7. For latest information, you may refer to the Department's website (www.dosh.gov.my). ICOP CHC 2014 can also be downloaded from the Department's website through the following link:

www.dosh.gov.my/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1157&Itemid=179

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Thank you,

Yours faithfully,



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