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## **WSDA Guidance on Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Implementation for Spray Adjuvants and 25(b) Minimum Risk Pesticides**

In Washington, registration of spray adjuvants and 25(b) minimum risk pesticides are required. In order to insure that the label directions and precautionary statements are adequate to protect the people and environment of Washington, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has developed guidance for spray adjuvants and 25(b) minimum risk pesticides, including label requirements. In general, the label requirements for signal words and precautionary statements were based on the EPA Label Review Manual.

Since the adoption of Globally Harmonized System (GHS) by OSHA and Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), several registrants have requested guidance on labeling requirements for spray adjuvants and 25(b) minimum risk pesticides in Washington that are subject to GHS.

**Harmonized Label Elements** – Follow GHS Requirements (Note - Registrant must provide WSDA with documentation, such as the safety data sheet, regarding the product-specific criteria used to determine appropriate label elements):

- Hazard pictograms
- Signal Words
- Hazard statements

**All other label requirements (including Precautionary Information)** – Follow the existing WSDA guidance for determining appropriate label elements, including:

- Personal protective equipment
- First aid
- Storage and disposal

Exceptions to existing WSDA guidance for Precautionary Information will be considered, if the registrant provides WSDA with satisfactory documentation that alternative label statements will provide equivalent protection to the existing WSDA guidance.

Follow the existing WSDA guidance for all spray adjuvants and 25(b) minimum risk pesticides in Washington that are not subject to GHS.

**WSDA does not review or approve safety data sheets.**

**For additional information, please refer to the following websites:**

[http://www.epa.gov/PR\\_Notices/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/PR_Notices/index.htm) - EPA Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 2012-1 Material Safety Data Sheets as Pesticide Labeling

<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/HCSFactsheet.html> - OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Fact Sheet

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/ghs/> - L&I Hazard Communication and the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/docs/AdjuvRegGuide4335.pdf> - WSDA Guidance for Registration of Spray Adjuvants

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