



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

## CR-105 (June 2024) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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**Agency:** Department of Labor & Industries (L&I)

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) Chapter 296-901 WAC, Globally harmonized system for hazard communication.

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated their Hazard Communication Standard in 29 CFR 1910.1200. This update was made to better protect workers by improving the amount and quality of information on labels and safety data sheets. Having better information will allow workers and first responders to react more quickly in the event of an emergency.

### Proposed amendments:

- Updates are consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), primarily Revision 7. Most recent updates were primarily revision 3.
- Scope of rule now includes other hazards rather than strictly physical or health hazards.
- Numerated definitions for ease in cross-referencing.
- Added definitions for “bulk shipment”, “combustible dust”, “gas”, “immediate outer package”, “liquid”, “physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP)”, “released for shipment”, and “solid”.
- Removed definition for “pyrophoric gas” as the term is not used in the rule.
- The hazard classification must now include any hazards associated with the chemical’s intrinsic properties.
- Updated requirements for labels on shipped containers to apply to distributors.
- Updated labeling requirements for bulk shipments of hazardous chemicals.
- Updated requirements for safety data sheets.
- Updated trade secrets section to allow for either the specific identification of a hazardous chemical, and/or the exact percentage (concentration) or concentration range of the substance in a mixture.
- Updated appendices and related tables to meet OSHA requirements.
- Several grammatical, spelling and address corrections were made.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The update to chapter 296-901 WAC is needed in order to remain as effective as OSHA under the Washington State Plan. The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) is proposing expedited rulemaking to update chapter 296-901, Globally harmonized system for hazard communication. The updates being made in this rulemaking were effective federally on July 19, 2024.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 49.17 RCW

<b>Is rule necessary because of a:</b>			
Federal Law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, CITATION: OSHA 29 CFR 1910			
<b>Name of proponent:</b> (person or organization) Department of Labor & Industries		<input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental	
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<b>Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:</b>			
<b>Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule; <input type="checkbox"/> Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect; <input type="checkbox"/> Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute; <input type="checkbox"/> Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or <input type="checkbox"/> Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.			
<b>Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule; <input type="checkbox"/> The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute; <input type="checkbox"/> The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or <input type="checkbox"/> Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.			
<b>Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4):</b> This rulemaking is limited to implementing federal law.			

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