NOTIFICATION UPDATE: GLOBAL HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING OF CHEMICALS – United States of America

METHOCEL™, ETHOCEL™, and WELLENCE™ Premium, Food, Personal Care and Industrial Grade Products

As an update to our previous letter dated May 15, 2015, this letter provides notification of the completion of the label revisions for all products manufactured and packaged in Dow’s (Midland, MI and Plaquemine, LA) USA facilities. These label changes were made in order to comply with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s (OSHA) version of the United Nation’s Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). GHS provides a global approach for defining and classifying hazards, and communicating the information on labels and SDSs. OSHA revised the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) in an effort to improve international harmonization of SDSs and labels.

Please note: there is no chemical or physical change to these products, their ingredients or to their toxicity profiles. However, you should evaluate how these regulatory changes will affect your storage and manufacturing facilities, and training requirements for your personnel. This letter provides an update on the changes being made to Dow Pharma & Food Solutions product labels.

- All of the above Dow products are now classified as hazardous under the new OSHA GHS SDS and label requirements for combustible dusts. For all products sold into the U.S. market, package labels will carry the new “WARNING” signal word and associated hazard phrases.
- Labels have also been updated to reflect changes in legal entity names, ensure consistency across the product line and clarify storage condition language.

These label artwork changes are complete however; customers can expect to receive both old and new label formats for some time.
Examples of before and after images of the labels can be found on the Dow Answer Center at the following link as well as additional information on the changes:

http://dowwolff.custhelp.com/ci/fattach/get/58323/

The Dow Chemical Company is committed to protecting human health and the environment by ensuring the safety of its products throughout their lifecycles.

If you have any questions concerning Dow’s implementation of GHS, please contact Dow’s CIG (Customer Information Group) at 1-800-258-2436 toll free. 
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