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CLARION SAFETY SYSTEMS LAUNCHES THE OSHA/GHS CHEMICAL HAZARDOUS COMMUNICATION TRAINING CENTER

The Clarion solution gives employers the essential tool they need to meet OSHA's new mandated GHS training requirements; the deadline is December 2013.

Milford, PA – August 21, 2012 – Clarion Safety Systems, a leading designer and manufacturer of safety signs and labels, announced today the launch of its OSHA/Globally Harmonized System Chemical Hazard Communication Training Center. The Clarion solution provides a place within facilities to train employees in recognizing and understanding the new hazardous chemical communication regulation.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has aligned its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) with the U.N. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). This major new initiative in workplace safety is coming about due to OSHA's focus on giving worker's the "right to understand" hazards, a significant step above the prior OSHA HazCom goal of giving employees the "right to know." The new global standards are information-rich in their visual presentation of hazardous chemical safety messages.



The Clarion HazCom Training Center, an essential workplace tool to help meet the GHS training requirement, allows all HazCom information to be available in one easy-to-access location.

"Exposure to hazardous chemicals is one of the most serious threats facing American workers today," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis in a statement posted in May 2012 on OSHA's website. "Revising OSHA's Hazard Communication standard will improve the quality and consistency of hazard information, making it safer for workers to do their jobs and easier for employers to stay competitive."

Among the important changes that GHS will bring are a new form of safety data sheet (SDS), changes in labeling requirements, and changes in hazard classification. In order to implement these changes, training will be required to ensure that employees understand the new system. According to OSHA's guidelines, employees must be trained on the new label elements and SDS format by December 1, 2013, while full compliance with the final rule will begin in 2015.

"This new OSHA initiative is a watershed event in the world of safety communication. It validates the increasing need for a global language for safety communication, something our company has pioneered

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over the past two decades. Now it is taking place in the chemical industry,” said Geoffrey Peckham, President of Clarion Safety Systems and ANSI Z535 Chairman. “As the go-to source for visual safety communication, we’re pleased to offer this new tool to our customers to help them train employees on the new GHS symbols and labeling components.”

The Clarion GHS solution provides a thorough yet concise description of the nine pictograms that make up the vocabulary of standardized GHS symbols and their corresponding meanings. An overview of the new product label information sheets on chemical drum and transport label components, a SDS binder, and a basket to hold the binder are all included in the Clarion training center package.

The Clarion solution is available in a variety of configurations. For the best fit for individual facilities, organizations can choose vertical or horizontal formats, bilingual English/Spanish language, and with or without a SDS binder and basket. Purchases can be made directly from the Clarion online catalog at www.clarionsafety.com.

Clarion offers custom design capabilities to create safety signs, labels and markings to meet its customer’s exact requirements. For additional information, Clarion can be contacted toll-free at (877) 748-0244.

ABOUT CLARION SAFETY SYSTEMS

Clarion Safety Systems, LLC, is the leading designer and manufacturer of visual safety solutions that help customers in more than 180 industries worldwide to make their products and premises safer. Clarion offers a full range of standard and custom products including machinery safety labels, environmental and facility safety signs, pipe and valve identification markings, lockout/tagout products, and safety-grade photoluminescent egress path-marking escape systems. Founded in 1990, the company continues to play a leading role in the development and writing of international and national standards for safety signs, labels, and markings. Clarion is headquartered at 190 Old Milford Road in Milford, PA, 18337, and online at www.clarionsafety.com.

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