

GPS: The Global Product Strategy

Enhancing Safe Chemicals Management Worldwide



The International Council of Chemical Associations created GPS to leverage the experience & knowledge of leading global chemical manufacturers to improve chemical management practices, especially in developing countries & those without robust chemical regulatory frameworks.

Through GPS, ICCA shares best practices & information about chemical safety & conducts trainings for small & medium-sized companies & local governments utilizing four GPS signature programs:

Product Stewardship Guidance	Risk Assessment & Risk Management Guidance	Regulatory Toolbox	GPS Safety Summary Portal
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GPS complements Responsible Care®, industry's global program to promote environment, health, safety & product stewardship performance that goes beyond compliance with government regulations.



- ✓ Information Sharing
- ✓ Capacity Building
- ✓ Continuous Improvement

To enhance the safe production, use, handling & disposal of chemicals globally.

46	Chemical trade associations globally implementing GPS
176	Capacity building projects completed in 46 countries

8	Languages that ICCA GPS guidance is available
4600	Product Safety Summaries available on the GPS Safety Summary Portal

The Four Pillars of GPS:



Promote Product Stewardship

- Manage chemicals safely & responsibly throughout their lifecycle
- Understand impacts of chemicals early in the product development process
- Provide customers with product safety information through Safety Data Sheets that meet UN standards
- Adopt product stewardship best practices as outlined in **GPS Product Stewardship Guidance**



Utilize Risk Assessment & Risk Management

- Inventory chemicals made & used at each site. Prioritize them for risk assessment
- Conduct risk assessments by evaluating chemicals' hazards, risks & exposures as outlined in the **GPS Risk Assessment & Risk Management Guidance**
- Manage risks via employee safety measures, customer outreach, labels & use restrictions
- Adopt Responsible Care®



Strengthen Chemical Management Globally

- Support government adoption of science & risk based chemical management rules
- Advocate for governments to adopt sound chemical management regulations starting with the UN's Globally Harmonized System for Classification & Labeling
- Promote Responsible Care® & GPS with governments as a means to improve chemical management & comply with government regulations



Enhance Transparency

- Provide customers & relevant government bodies with chemical health & safety information through Safety Data Sheets that meet UN standards
- Offer basic chemical health & safety information through the GPS Online Portal or company websites
- Engage the public through outreach like plant tours, community meetings & dialogue
- Ensure employees understand & can access health & safety information for chemicals used on site