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:

- Information Sharing
- Capacity Building
- Continuous Improvement

GPS complements Responsible Care®, industry’s global program to promote environment, health, safety & product stewardship performance that goes beyond compliance with government regulations.

- 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
- 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

The Four Pillars of GPS:

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

- Languages that ICCA GPS guidance is available: 8
- Chemical trade associations globally implementing GPS: 46
- Capacity building projects completed in 46 countries: 176
- Product Safety Summaries available on the GPS Safety Summary Portal: 4600

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176 Capacity building projects completed in 46 countries
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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
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