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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GHS: UPDATE

## Transmitted by the expert from Brazil

The Brazilian Working Group (GT-GHS) for implementation of the GHS developed a series of activities during the second part of the year in different cities of the country.

These activities include:

August  $-2^{nd}$  Meeting of the Laboratories Role in the GHS (Rio de Janeiro);

- GHS Awareness Raising Seminar (Sao Paulo);
- Set up new sub-groups of the GT-GHS Hazardous Wastes, Pesticides and Confidential Business Information;

September - GHS Awareness Raising Seminar for the Brazilian Agency of Health Surveillance (ANVISA) – Brasilia

**October** – Plenary Session at the Brazilian Congress of Toxicology, short training course about GHS (6 h) and the GT-GHS meeting (Recife)

- Translation to Portuguese of the draft OSHA/USA GHS Guidance Document by the Brazilian Chemical Association (ABIQUIM)

November - GHS Awareness Raising Seminar (Porto Alegre);

- Request to UN Publications for translation of the Purple Book into Portuguese;
- Participation of the GHS Global Thematic Workshop (Johannesburg-South Africa)
- Pilot GHS Training Course (40h) 28 November to 02 December (Rio de Janeiro)

Sectorial diagnostics and comparative studies have been developed by many public and private institutions with the objective to verify legislations' gaps and the necessaries changes in the legislations/regulations.

The 2006 Work plan of the GT-GHS involve:

- Two one-week training courses (Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre)
- Eight GHS Awareness Raising Seminars (Manaus, Salvador, Recife, Belo Horizonte, Curitiba, Fortaleza, Campinas e Brasilia)
- Printing 2.000 leaflets explain "What is the GHS?"