

## **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Capacity building**

### **Awareness raising and capacity building activities in South Africa**

#### **Transmitted by the Responsible Packaging Management Association of Southern Africa (RPMASA)**

1. This document provides an update on activities related to awareness raising and capacity building from January – November 2016.

#### **Awareness raising**

2. RPMASA continues to promote chemical; hazard awareness and safety through GHS, Dangerous Goods and IMDG Training and Workshops, as well as its snippets and GHS awareness posters. The posters, as Training aids for both Transport safety and the GHS continue to be popular, and are available via the website.

#### **Capacity building**

3. Training was limited during the first six months but the following Training courses were presented during the year:

- (a) Introduction to the GHS – 3 x 1 day courses
- (b) Advanced GHS - 3 x 2 day courses
- (c) Dangerous Goods Management in the Supply Chain – 3 x 1 day courses
- (d) IMDG General Awareness - 2 x 1 day courses

4. RPMASA participated in the Work Group to revise the National GHS Standard SANS 10234 to align with the 4th UN GHS revision, this is going out for public comment and should be published in the new year. We have drafted a new cross reference Standard for SANS 10234 to the UN 6th revision of the GHS which it is hoped will be published shortly after the pending revision.

5. RPMASA works closely with the National Depts of Labour, Health and Environment on GHS related issues and participates in the National Chemicals Management Multi-Stakeholder Forum which focuses on chemical safety.

6. RPMASA continues to invite applications from GHS Experts to participate in their GHS Expert database as there is an urgent need to build expertise to assist Industry comply.

7. RPMASA will continue to inform the Sub-Committee on its GHS activities.

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