

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

RPMASA awareness raising and capacity building activities in South Africa

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1. This document provides an update on activities related to awareness raising and capacity building from January – June 2017.

Awareness raising

2. RPMASA continues to promote GHS and chemical safety awareness through posters and awareness training.

Capacity building training courses

3. RPMASA conducted the following GHS and other chemical safety Training during the last 6 months:

- (a) 1 x 2-Day in-house Dangerous Goods Management in the Supply Chain, including IMDG Amdt. 38-16, the ILO/IMO/UNECE CTU Packing Code of Practice & SOLAS VGM in Durban.
- (b) 1 x 1-day Public GHS Introduction course in Durban
1 x 2-day Public Advanced GHS course in Gauteng
- (c) 1 x 1-day Public IMDG General Awareness Training incl. Amdt. 38-16 in Durban.

4. RPMASA GHS Expert database - RPMASA continues to invite applications from interested experts, as there is an urgent need to build expertise in order to assist industry on its GHS journey to compliant SDS, and Labelling for exports + the:

- Dept. of Health revision of the Hazardous Substances Act requiring GHS classification for licences is expected to be gazetted this year,
- Dept. of Labour revision of the OHS Act and Hazardous Chemical Substances Regulations are hoped to be finalised soon.

5. RPMASA is grateful to UNITAR and other agencies for support and assistance in our Region.

6. RPMASA will continue to inform the Sub-Committee on its GHS & Chemical Safety Awareness and Training activities.