OSHA's Revised Hazard Communication Standard Tackles Unresolved Issues

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John Ho was quoted in the Madras Tribune discussing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) revised Hazard Communication Standard. The updated standard aims to better align with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and address unresolved issues from the 2012 revisions. John noted that "most stakeholders would say [this] is a good thing as it provides a consistent and common approach to classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information."

Effective July 20, the new regulations will impact chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, and downstream users. These changes will require updated labeling and adjustments to safety data sheets that must accompany chemicals. Despite concerns from large manufacturers about disclosing trade secrets, OSHA maintains that transparency is crucial for worker safety and emergency health care. However, enforcement remains challenging as hazard communication violations have been historically penalized.

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