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COMPLETING THE TRANSITION: 2012 HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD OR GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS)

May 12, 2015

To Our Valued Sika Customer:

As you are aware by now, effective May 25, 2012, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) revised its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS), aligning it with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals(GHS). The modified standard provides a single set of harmonized criteria for classifying chemicals according to their health and physical hazards and specifies hazard communication elements for container labeling and safety data sheets.

Although our products will not change, the format for communicating information about them to our customers must comply with the revised OSHA regulations. In order to meet the requirements of the new standard, Sika Corporation has been revising our product labels and safety data sheets. These changes include the introduction of signal words, hazard statements, pictograms and precautionary statements. You may have already begun to see these modifications on our product labels and safety data sheets. Updated safety data sheets will be provided to you and made available on our web site. (http://usa.sika.com/en/document-download/technical-download-home.html)

Products manufactured after June 1, 2015 will be labeled with the new GHS style labels. OSHA has provided that products that have been labeled prior to the June 1, 2015 deadline can still be distributed through December 1, 2015. That means that until December 1, you can expect to see both the old and new style labels as we work through our existing inventories.

Specific information on OSHA's revised Hazard Communication standard can be found by following this link: <u>https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html</u>. Here you will find all of the documentation needed to understand and comply with this OSHA standard.



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Should you have any specific questions regarding these changes, please contact your local Sales Representative, a Customer Service Representative or our Corporate Environmental Health and Safety department.

Sincerely,

Sika Corporation