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## **IFIF GHS working group - position paper on the Implementation of GHS**

GHS stands for the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and is an internationally agreed-upon system. It addresses the classification of chemicals by type of hazard and proposes harmonized hazard communication elements, including labels and safety data sheets. It aims to ensure that information on physical hazards and toxicity from chemicals be available to enhance the protection of human health and the environment during the handling, transport and use of chemicals. The GHS also provides a basis for harmonization of rules and regulations on chemicals at the national, regional and worldwide level, an important factor to facilitate trade.

The International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) acknowledges the importance of the safe handling and use of chemicals to contribute to the sustainability of the supply chain. It welcomes the harmonized approach proposed by GHS to protect human health and the environment and to facilitate trade.

IFIF acknowledges that in some countries or regions, the implementation of GHS has resulted in questions concerning its scope for feed and has led to some uncertainty on the application of the GHS rules for feed ingredients and their mixtures. This can create inconsistencies among feed industry operators understanding on whether GHS needs to be implemented and how.

IFIF encourages the implementation of the GHS standards for feed ingredients and their mixtures, when relevant, to contribute to their safe handling and use along the supply chain. IFIF promotes the development and sharing of best practices around the world and the creation of tools to aid in the understanding and implementation of a system to classify, label and communicate hazards along the feed supply chain. IFIF strives to support the feed industry to implement the GHS requirements in the most pragmatic and harmonized way.