# DuluxGroup Transition to GHS 7

DuluxGroup has reviewed the changes that are required as part of the transition to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (​GHS) version 7 in Australia and New Zealand.

In Australia, the adoption of GHS 7 will have minimal impact on DuluxGroup products:

* GHS 7 introduces a new category: “non-flammable aerosols”. Products in this category will need to be classified and labelled in line with the new GHS 7 requirements. There are only a few products within our product range that fall into this category.
* SDS and label changes required to meet the GHS 7 requirements for “non-flammable aerosols” will be complete by the end of the 2-year transition period (1 January 2023).
* GHS also includes a new sub-category for eye irritants (category 2B). However, DuluxGroup already classifies relevant products as category 2 eye irritants and no changes to our SDS or labels will be required due to GHS 7.
* There are minor changes to the wording of some precautionary statements under GHS 7, but the existing precautionary statement wording is still permitted to be used provided the statements have the same intent. It is our intention to transition to new statements over time as Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and labels are scheduled for review and update.
* DuluxGroup does not supply products classified as pyrophoric or chemically unstable flammable gases or as desensitised explosives to Customer.
* Note that Safe Work Australia does not require relabelling or disposal of existing products.

In New Zealand, the impact of the transition to GHS 7 is more significant:

* Under the previous Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act classification system, alpha-numeric codes were used to depict hazard classifications. These will now need to be replaced by GHS hazard codes.
* The transition to GHS codes and terminology has implications for our IT systems, which manage warehousing and stock movements and send data extracts to other customer-facing systems, such as the GS1 National Product Catalogue.
* A number of IT changes have already been implemented and the remainder will be in place before the end of the 4-year New Zealand GHS 7 transition period (30 April 2025).
* For products manufactured in Australia, the current arrangement whereby Australian labels are accepted for products imported into New Zealand remains in place.