



SDS audit report

Example Coatings Inc. (fictitious) · 24 safety data sheets for products sold in Canada and the United States

REPORT DATE 8 October 2026	SCOPE 24 SDSs and labels	MARKETS Canada · United States	REFERENCE EX-2026-014
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Summary



- 9 compliant: no changes needed
- 11 minor update: targeted edits to one or more sections
- 4 rewrite needed: classification or format must be redone

Checked against: WHMIS 2015 and the Hazardous Products Regulations as amended (mandatory since 14 December 2025); the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard as updated in 2024.

What to fix first

1. Correct the classification of Industrial Degreaser XT-40 (F1). It is sold as not corrosive.
2. Add Canadian supplier details to 3 SDSs and labels (F2).
3. Provide French versions for 5 products (F3).

Findings, ranked by risk

ID	PRIORITY	PRODUCT	FINDING, REASON AND FIX
F1	HIGH	Industrial Degreaser XT-40 Section 2 and label	Finding. Not classified for skin corrosion, although section 3 lists sodium hydroxide at 1 – 5% and section 9 gives pH 13.2. Why it matters. Under the GHS-based mixture rules, a pH of 11.5 or higher indicates skin corrosion (Category 1) unless test data, such as alkaline reserve, show otherwise. Fix. Classify as Skin corrosion, Category 1 and Serious eye damage, Category 1. Update the label: corrosion pictogram, signal word "Danger", "Causes severe skin burns and eye damage".
F2	HIGH	3 products (Citrus Surface Cleaner, Solvent Blend 220, Floor Stripper FS-9) Section 1 and label	Finding. Only the US manufacturer is identified. No Canadian supplier details are given. Why it matters. For products sold in Canada, the SDS and label must identify the Canadian manufacturer or importer (the initial supplier), unless an exemption applies. Fix. Add the Canadian importer's name, address and telephone number to section 1 and the label, or confirm in writing which exemption applies.
F3	HIGH	5 products Whole SDS and label	Finding. English versions only. Why it matters. WHMIS requires the SDS and the label to be available in English and in French. Fix. Prepare French versions, as one bilingual document or two matching documents.

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F4	MEDIUM	Solvent Blend 220 Section 8	Finding. Section 8 lists the ACGIH TLV for xylene but not the OSHA permissible exposure limit. Why it matters. For the US, section 8 must list the OSHA PEL, the ACGIH TLV and any other exposure limit used or recommended, where available. Fix. Add the OSHA PEL for xylene, with its source, alongside the ACGIH value.
F5	MEDIUM	Citrus Surface Cleaner Section 2 and label	Finding. The label shows the exclamation mark for skin and eye irritation next to the corrosion pictogram. Why it matters. Under the precedence rules, the exclamation mark is not used for skin or eye irritation when the corrosion pictogram applies. Fix. Remove the exclamation mark from the label and section 2, unless it is needed for another hazard.
F6	MEDIUM	11 products Several sections	Finding. Last revised before the amended Hazardous Products Regulations became mandatory on 14 December 2025. Why it matters. SDSs must reflect the current classification criteria and information requirements in each market. Fix. Review classification, physical hazard classes and section 3 concentrations against the amended rules; most need targeted edits rather than a rewrite.
F7	LOW	4 products Section 16	Finding. No date of the latest revision is given. Why it matters. Section 16 of a Canadian SDS must state the date of its latest revision. Fix. Add the revision date, and a short note of what changed, when the other fixes are made.

Recommended plan

Weeks 1 – 2

Fix F1 and F2, and issue updated SDSs and labels to customers.

Weeks 2 – 4

French versions for the 5 products (F3), plus F4 and F5.

Weeks 4 – 6

Targeted updates for the 11 older SDSs (F6 and F7).



Reviewed and signed off by F. Muziel, regulatory specialist

Every finding was checked against the SDS, the label and the composition provided. Sources and rule versions are listed in the working file supplied with this report.

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