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**General rules for preparation of precautionary labeling for  
chemicals**

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## Foreword

Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 of this standard are mandatory, whilst the rest are recommended.

The degree of conformity between this standard and the second revision of the “*Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)*” is non-equivalent.

This standard replaces GB 15258-1999 “General rules for the preparation of precautionary labeling for chemicals”.

The main differences between this standard and GB 15258-1999 are as follows:

- The label contents specified in section 4.2 have been modified;
- “Label dimensions” has been added to section 5.3;
- “Simplified labels” has been added to section 4.3;
- Appendices A, B, C have been revised to include examples of precautionary labels prepared according to GHS, examples of the affixing of precautionary labels and transport symbols, and precautionary statements have been provided for different categories of chemicals.

Appendices A, B, and C to this standard are informative annexes.

This standard shall be implemented after a transition period of one year from the implementation data.

This standard is proposed by and is under the jurisdiction of the Dangerous Chemicals Management of Standardization Administration of China (SAC/TC251).

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This standard replaces previous versions of the following published standards:

GB/T 15258-94; GB15258-1999.

## **General rules for preparation of precautionary labels for chemicals**

### **1 Scope**

This standard specifies the relevant terms and definitions and content, preparation and usage requirements of precautionary labels for chemicals.

This standard applies to the preparation, fabrication and usage of precautionary labels for chemicals.

For products for which the precautionary label is otherwise stipulated by another standard, i.e. for pesticides, gas cylinders, etc., these shall be prepared in accordance with the relevant other standard.

### **2 Normative References**

The provisions in the following documents have been referenced in this standard. For referenced documents which are dated, all later amendments (excluding corrigenda) and versions are not applicable to this standard; however, the parties to the agreement are encouraged to study whether the latest versions of these documents are applicable. For referenced documents which are not dated, the latest versions apply to this standard.

GB/T 12268 List of dangerous goods

GB 20576 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Explosives

GB 20577 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Flammable gases

GB 20578 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Flammable aerosols

GB 20579 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Oxidizing gases

GB20580 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Gases under pressure

GB 20581 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Flammable liquids

GB 20582 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Flammable solids

GB 20583 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Self-reactive substances

GB 20584 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Self-heating substances

GB20585 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Pyrophoric liquids

GB20586 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals - Pyrophoric solids

GB20587 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases

GB20588 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Corrosive to metals

GB20589 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary statements of chemicals – Oxidizing liquids

GB20590 Safety rules for classification, precautionary labelling and precautionary

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