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# Chemical Compliance

## Asia Guide - Vietnam

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# Guide Development Team Introduction

What is GBK China?



## GBK China

### Regulatory Compliance Consultant

GBK GmbH Global Regulatory Compliance was founded in 1986, Germany, specialising in hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods compliance consulting with over 30 years industrial experience.

GBK China established its branch office in Shanghai, focusing on the consultancy business in Asia-Pacific region as China, Japan, Korean, etc.



# Guide Development Team Introduction

Why you can believe us

750+

Global Partners & Customers

BMW, L'Oreal, Schneider...

12+

Countries We Do

Japan, Singapore, Australia...



**Competitiveness**  
**Experience**  
**Reliability**



10+

Type of Our Services

24h Emergency Telephone,  
GHS and SDS Consulting,  
Company Training ...

And...

- **Seats We Hold**  
Members or counsellors in  
FIATA, ESMCG, SCBA...
- **Services Online**  
Live broadcast, webinar,  
weekly compliance report...



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#01

# Vietnam GHS

Hazard Chemicals

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) of Vietnam issued circular 04/2012/TT-BCT, Chemical Classification and Labelling. Although there's no classification list in Vietnam yet.



# #01 Vietnam GHS

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## Regulations

01

**GHS Standard**- *32/2017/TT-BCT Vietnam MOIT Circular for Chemical Classification and Labeling*

02

**Supplementary** - *Circular No.17/2022/TT-BCT Specific Guidelines Updated in 2022*

03

**Hazard classification** - *Revision 2 and Revision 6 of the UN GHS Classification Standard*

Compared with the latest UN revised GHS, Vietnam's GHS standards have a **significant hysteresis**. Vietnam has not adopted some **physical hazards** and **environmental hazard**.



# #01 Vietnam GHS

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## GHS 1+1

### SDS and Label

Manifestations of GHS Hazard Communication

Required

In 2017, Vietnam published the updated notification No. 32/2017/TT-BCT to regulate the classification and labeling of chemicals circulating in Vietnam.

## Safety Data Sheet

Annex 9 of Vietnam No. 32/2017/TT-BCT

Vietnam adopted standard **16-section** SDS :

- a) Should display product safety, health and environment regulation information.
- b) Basically consistent in core content requirements of UN GHS System
- c) But some **detail differences**, e.g. Testing Method for Flash Point



# #01 Vietnam GHS

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## GHS 1+1

### SDS and Label

Manifestations of GHS Hazard Communication

Required

Vietnam **has not** specified the contents and element sizes of GHS labels for chemicals yet. Labeling standards generally follow the UN GHS standards.

### Label

[Annex 8 of Vietnam No. 32/2017/TT-BCT](#)

The elements to be noted are the following :

1. There is **no clear size requirement**. For small packaging chemicals, some information can be omitted on the label.
2. Product identification part needs to have **chemical name, identification code and molecular formula**.
3. Signal words and hazard statements should be printed **at least 2 mm** high.
4. Should be written in Vietnamese



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### GHS Exemptions

The chemicals only in following GHS hazard categories are exempted from classification:

1. Desensitized explosives category 1, 2 ,3 or 4;
2. Chemical under pressure flammable category 1, 2, or 3;
3. Respiratory/Skin Sensitization category 1A/1B;
4. Hazardous to the ozone layer category 1.

**Note:** Vietnam's GHS classification does not currently include ozone layer hazard and for the health hazard of respiratory/skin sensitization, there is no subcategory 1A. The actual exemptions may differ.



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# Vietnam REACH

Chemical Substance Control Law

Vietnam REACH generally means Law No. 06/2007/QH12 Law on Chemicals. This revised draft was communicated to the WTO in 2024 and is expected to be formally adopted in May 2025.



## #02 Vietnam REACH

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### What is Vietnam Reach?

Chemical Control Law in Vietnam



**Vietnam Law of Chemical** (Law No. 06/2007/QH12) was enacted in November 2007, with the latest revision in 2024.

This is the comprehensive regulation of all types of chemicals in Vietnam, regulates the production, trade, import and export, transportation, warehousing, use, and disposal of chemicals.





## #02 Vietnam REACH

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The Vietnamese Law on Chemicals classifies chemicals into the following categories :

### Conditional Chemical

Chemicals in the **National Chemical Inventory (NCI)**, general hazardous chemicals in the government-mandated catalog



### Chemicals Requiring Special Control

Hazardous chemicals **requiring special controls**, the import and export of which require clearance by the competent authority



### Chemical Management

### Prohibited Chemicals

Chemicals that are particularly hazardous to human health, environment and safety. Importation **requires authorization and strict quantity control**.



### New Chemicals

Chemicals **not in the NCI**, need to register with the relevant authorities





## #02 Vietnam REACH

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### Implementation Date

The second version of the [Vietnam Law of Chemical](#) (Law No. 06/2007/QH12) was published on 5th March 2025 and is expected to come into force on **1st January 2026**.

### Chemical Safety Card

For all hazardous chemicals, [chemical safety cards](#) must be provided by manufacturing and importing enterprises before products are put on the Vietnamese market or used. The safety card needs to contain the necessary product safety information.





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# New Chemicals

New Regulation for Registration and Management

New chemical substances entering Vietnam can be put into use and market circulation only after they are registered with the competent national agencies or the national chemical database.



## #03 New Chemical Registration

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### New Chemicals in Vietnam

#### Latest Regulations

01

The latest draft of the Vietnam Law of Chemical (Law No. 06/2007/QH12), articles 45 to 55, updates the provisions on the [registration](#), [evaluation](#) and [management](#) of new chemicals.

#### Registration Files for New Chemical Substances

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1. [Application](#) for new chemical substances registration;
2. [The name](#) and [chemical formulations](#) of new chemical substances in accordance with the guidelines of the International Union of Basic and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC);
3. [Chemical physical, chemical informations and hazardous properties](#) offered by both:
  - 3.1 The new chemical substance assessment organisation;
  - 3.2 Countries that reciprocally identify new chemical substances with Vietnam



## #03 New Chemical Registration

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### New Chemicals for Special Purposes

For new chemical substances used for **scientific research, security, and social order safety** purposes:

1. In addition to the registration files specified in the previous points (1) and (2);
2. Information for the **chemical useage** and the **period of use** are also required.

**Note:** Within **five years** from the date of new chemical substance registration, organisations and individuals engaged in chemical activities related to new chemical substances shall submit **annual report** to the Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade every year.



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