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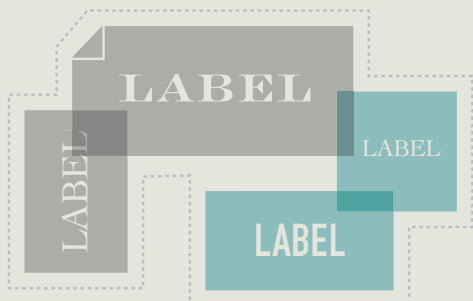
CHEMSTATION

Customer Service Perks

With ChemStation, customer service reaches far beyond making sure your tank is full of product, your employees are trained, and problems are solved quickly. Did you know that we also provide secondary labels for spray containers, bucket tags for 5-gallon pails, charts that list all the ChemStation products you use along with safety information about those products, and other safety signage?

Secondary labels are available in several sizes and can be printed on chemical-resistant, adhesive-backed label stock or color-coded and laminated. Safety charts are customized for you, just like our products. They are laminated with heavy, 10-mil laminate and can be mounted on the wall for all to see.

Ask your ChemStation sales representative about these and other customer service perks.



MSDS Safety

Remember...Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are only as useful as you make them. It's your job to take time to review the MSDS for every hazardous material you use – before you use it – and to take the necessary safety precautions. ChemStation has free copies of "How to Read an MSDS" available in English and Spanish. Ask your sales representative for a copy.

THINKING GREEN

700 million: The number of used cell phones in the U.S. today. Each of the 140 million cell phone users discards their old phone for a new one every 14 to 18 months.

300 million: Number of obsolete computers in the U.S. today.

10.5 gallons: Amount of water per cycle an average automatic dishwasher can use; an efficient model uses half that.

70 percent: The percentage of e-waste out of the entire toxic waste stream of landfills. In addition to valuable metals like aluminum, electronics often contain hazardous materials like lead and mercury.

50 percent: The amount of a computer that is recycled. The rest is dumped. Nonrecyclable components of a single computer may contain almost 2 kilograms of lead.

75 to 80 percent: The percentage of old computers from the United States that wind up in Asian countries such as India and China, where recycling costs are much lower.

20-watt: Measurement of compact fluorescent light bulb that provides as much light as a 100-watt incandescent bulb and lasts about eight times longer.

264 gallons: Amount of water consumed by a running lawn sprinkler in an hour; standard garden hoses use even more.

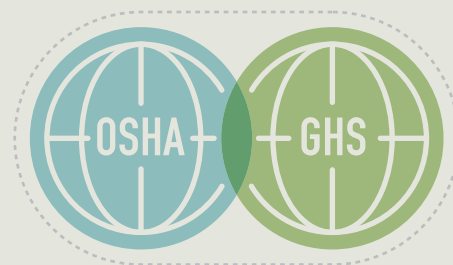
Safety Info Online

Compliance Magazine's Web site (complianceregs.com) is a great way to access information on government regulations that apply to workplace safety, especially if you're in a hurry. The Web site also has notices, proposed rules, and other documents from the Daily Federal Register, downloadable compliance forms, safety checklists, required OSHA forms, and a complete list of state and federal OSHA offices with full contact information.

GHS to be Adopted by OSHA

On September 30, OSHA published a rule announcing their proposal to align OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (hazcom standard) with provisions of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

The proposal will improve the consistency and effectiveness of hazard communications and reduce chemical-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Following the GHS approach will increase workplace safety, facilitate international trade in chemicals and generate cost savings from production efficiencies for firms that manufacture and use hazardous chemicals. The phase-in period for the proposed rule is three years after the final rule is published.



Why the Calendar Year Begins on January 1

The idea of beginning the New Year on January 1 originated with the first Roman Emperor. Caesar designated that day as the New Year in 153 B.C. because that's when Rome's two ruling consuls were chosen.

The so-called Julian calendar remained in standard use throughout the Middle Ages, although many European countries chose to start their calendar year on different days to commemorate various Christian holidays, such as Christmas or Easter.

By the 16th Century it was clear that the Julian calendar needed to be reformed. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII chose a calendar devised by Italian astronomer and philosopher Aloysius Lilius. By that time most western European countries had already adopted January 1 as the start of the New Year, but the Gregorian calendar itself was accepted at different times by different nations. Russia didn't abandon the Julian calendar for the Gregorian until after the October Revolution in 1917.



SOAPBOX

The line between madness and genius is a permeable membrane.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Have you reached the age where happy hour is a nap?

Obnovecord: The fraction of a moment between hitting "send" and realizing you've just sent an embarrassing e-mail to everyone in your organization.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

There is a great need for a sarcasm font.

How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear what they said?

MapQuest really needs to start their directions on #5. Most of us know how to get out of our neighborhoods.

Stress puppy: Someone who thrives on pressure.



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By the Numbers



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Empty drums not in landfills:
2,736,337 since 1984