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**Chemical
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Updates on chemical regulation in Argentina

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Situation & needs

There is no national system for classifying and labeling hazardous chemicals. The Globally Harmonized System (GHS) was partially implemented, specifically at the workplace (responsibility of the SRT)

The totality of the chemicals and chemicals used in the country is unknown. The application of national regulations and international agreements is difficult. This information is necessary to promote policies that protect health and the environment.

The national registries that approve chemical products (SENASA, ANMAT, etc.) do not make a comprehensive evaluation of the risks to health and the environment, before issuing their approvals. They have the potential to be improved and harmonized.

There is a very serious regulatory gap: there is no register of industrial chemicals. No one regulates, evaluates and approves all these substances.

There is no legal framework to punish damage to the environment and health due to the use of dangerous chemicals. In general, the Hazardous Waste Law applies, but there is still a lack of legislation on damage from hazardous products.



Draft National Law on chemicals management – current structure

Objective

- Classification, labelling, registering, evaluation and risk management.

Definitions

- Substances, chemicals, chemical products, products, articles...

GHS implementation

- Obligations and requirements
- GHS version (5th)
- Hazard communication elements
- Sectors involved

National Inventory of chemical substances

- Comprised of chemicals used, registered, controlled and restricted at the national level.

National Register for chemicals (industrial chemicals)

- 3 years for notification – existing chemicals
- Health and Environment Risk assessments of new substances before market

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Responsibility of the prioritization and risk assessments of existing chemicals

INFRINGEMENTS AND SANCTIONS

Civil and Penal responsibilities



Outstanding issues

Definition of enforcement authorities and competent authorities.

Scope of GHS implementation.

Intellectual property of the data provided by registrants.

Issue of mixtures (formulated products) and chemicals in mixtures.

Mechanism for industry to appeal or request revision of the Committee decisions and recommendations.

Consider inputs from industrial sectors (comments from ALPHA, CAFEP, CIQyP, CAPA).



Interministerial work



National Inventory of regulated substances (Draft)

- Incorporation of 2019 and 2020 regulations.
- Incorporation of subnational regulations.
- Inputs from the industry

Plastic National Strategy

- Circular economy
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Marine litter

Minamata Convention implementation (draft)

- Require importer and exporter to obtain authorization of environmental authority.
- Restrictions
- Exemptions

Other recent developments

Pesticides technical assessments

- Clorpirifos - Published
- Atrazine
- Acetochlor
- paraquat

Rotterdam Convention implementation (published)

- Require importer and exporter to obtain authorization of environmental authority.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/normativa/nacional/resoluci%C3%B3n-110-2021-348719>

National agrochemical traceability system (SENASA)

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/normativa/nacional/resoluci%C3%B3n-369-2021-351896>

Draft Law on contaminated sites management





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