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# Propane Marketers Affected by GHS Starting June, 2016

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## How OSHA's Hazard Communications Standard will affect propane marketers

As many of you know from our safety meetings over the past three years, OSHA has made numerous updates to their Hazard Communications Standard (HCS 2012) through the [Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals \(GHS\)](#). Please be aware the final deadline of the GHS update is fast approaching on June 1, 2016. The primary question PCS has been receiving is: What needs to be labeled and how should the updated label look?

Use this as an important rule of thumb: If the container has always had a label, it must still have a label. The hard part to define is what must be on the new label? In addition to what was previously required on your labels, your new label must also meet the following specifications:

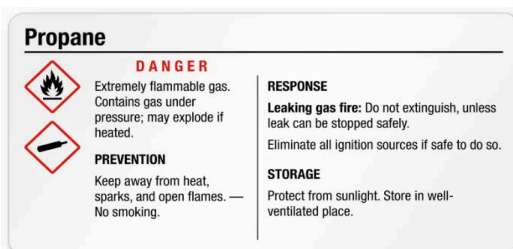
1. The product name – Liquefied Petroleum Gas or Propane
2. The signal word – Danger
3. The hazard statement – Extremely Flammable Gas
4. A precautionary statement
5. [Pictograms](#)
6. Contact information (Name, Address and Telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer or responsible party).

The [National Propane Gas Association \(NPGA\)](#) has established [five facts](#) about the OSHA HCS 2012 regulation.

Remember, the HCS 2012 regulation does not expand the scope of containers that must be labeled. If it had an OSHA label prior to HCS 2012 regulation, it must have a HCS 2012 label today. The only difference is the new label must be updated to meet the above specifications as well.

Sara Reboli, NPGA director of regulatory affairs, has made herself available for any further questions on these compliance regulations. She can be contacted at [sreboli@npga.org](mailto:sreboli@npga.org)

**BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR LABEL VENDOR SO YOU ARE RECEIVING OSHA COMPLIANT LABELS FOR YOUR PROPANE CONTAINERS!**



[In addition to your regular labeling, you could add a label such as the one shown above. Please click link or image to open.](#) Be sure one of your labels also contains the Hazard Statement and Precautionary Statement