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Hazcom Software Increases Compliance Success

Lanham, MD, January 24, 2008—Electronic management of an organization's activities under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) can result in more thorough, more complete compliance than paper systems alone, according to *Automating Hazcom: Including the MSDS Administrator Software*, a new book from compliance and management publisher Government Institutes.

Although most organizations have some components of the standard in place, few are able to comply with all five facets of the standard and often fall short of full compliance. In fact, failure to comply with the Hazard Communication (hazcom) standard consistently ranks among the top violations cited by OSHA.

Automating Hazcom addresses the five primary elements of the hazcom standard—a written program, MSDS management, container labeling, reporting, and employee training—and provides safety managers, and anyone else responsible for managing their facility's MSDS (material safety data sheets), with expert guidance and practical tips for choosing a compliance software program and incorporating computers and computer networks into the compliance process.

Each chapter ends with a quiz and an exercise giving the reader practical firsthand experience using *MSDS Administrator Plus*, a hazard communication software program provided by the authors. The included CD-ROM also contains the text of the Hazard Communication Standard, a template for a written hazard communication program, a sample MSDS document, an example of an employee training agenda and visual presentation slides, the *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*, and a glossary for navigating the often-complex language of the requirements.

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“Despite OSHA’s administration of some very specific, well-defined requirements, OSHA leaves the implementation and maintenance of standards compliance up to the discretion and responsibility of each individual employer,” note authors James Weishan and Joseph Misicko. “This opportunity allows the organization to leverage available technologies to implement an effective compliance solution.”

Automating Hazcom: Including the MSDS Administrator can be ordered by calling 800-462-6420 or visiting www.govinstpress.com and typing “Automating Hazcom” in the book search box. *Softcover, 136 pages, March 2008, \$85, ISBN: 0-86587-198-1 (978-0-86587-198-4).*

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