

# Health and Safety / Testing

for the benefit of your staff and customers



## DATA SHEET

**When running a commercial facility, the health and safety of customers and staff is of paramount importance. Topline offers a complete range of safety equipment, test kits and warning labels to ensure this is achieved and maintained at all times. These include: -**

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Water Testing Kits and spares
- Warning and safety labels
- Plant room signage

**Safety Kits.** Topline safety kits are designed to offer maximum protection against the everyday hazards of chemical handling. These include full-face respirators and filters, chemical proof suits, gauntlets, aprons, visors, goggles, ear defenders and an eye wash station. Together with a set of safety labels, these items are packed into a convenient holdall. We recommend that at least two such safety kits are maintained on site - one for everyday use, and the other located outside the plant room for use in emergencies.



**Test Kits.** Topline also stocks and maintains a full range of water testing kits. It's important that all such equipment is maintained in good condition, as dirty or damaged kits will affect your readings, increasing the risk of poor water quality and making your facility vulnerable to infections.



**Warning Labels** It is both a legal and a health and safety requirement that all hazards are correctly identified. Topline's comprehensive range of warning and safety labels ensure your facility can meet the requirements of the **new European Regulation for chemical labeling (GHS)**.

### New GHS Regulation

On January 20, 2009 the regulation (EC) no. 1272/2008, called the GHS or CLP Regulation, entered into force. It regulates the classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP: Regulation on Classification, Labeling and Packaging of substances and mixtures) and as of 2015 will completely replace the European Dangerous Substances Directive 67/548/EEC as well as the Dangerous Preparations Directive 1999/45/EC. The CLP Regulation is based on the recommendation of the UN, the so-called 'Globally Harmonized System' (UNGHS, or "purple book"), that can be traced back to the sustainability conference in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 (Agenda 21, Chapter 19).

### What will change?

Labeling must take place in accordance with the CLP as of December 1, 2010 for substances and as of June 1, 2015 for mixtures.

The new European CLP Regulation is based on the previous system of classification and labeling as it represents a compromise between the established systems in North America and the EU.

The most noticeable feature is the change in the labeling symbols: instead of the hazard symbols with black printing on orange-yellow rectangles that have been used to date, now nine hazard pictograms with black symbols on a white background with red-rimmed rhombuses are used to provide warnings (Annex V, CLP Regulation).

All leisure operators should audit the labeling of chemical storage tanks and comply with the above European legislation.

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