

(c) It is the intent and purpose of this subtitle to assure as far as possible every working man and woman in the State of Maryland safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources by:

(10) Encouraging joint labor-management efforts to reduce injuries and disease arising out of employment; [and]

(13) PROVIDING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS POSED BY TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES WHICH WORKERS ARE EXPOSED TO;

(14) REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO EDUCATE EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO HAZARDS AND SAFE PROCEDURES RELATING TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES WITH WHICH THEY WORK; AND

(15) REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CHARGED WITH FIRE PROTECTION IN ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF FIRE FIGHTERS.

32A.

(A) IN §§ 32A THROUGH 32N OF THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHEMICAL" MEANS ANY ELEMENT, CHEMICAL COMPOUND OR MIXTURES OF ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS.

(C) "CHEMICAL NAME" MEANS THE SCIENTIFIC DESIGNATION OF A CHEMICAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOMENCLATURE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY OR THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACT SERVICE RULES OF NOMENCLATURE, OR A NAME WHICH WILL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE CHEMICAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A HAZARD EVALUATION.

(D) "COMMON NAME" MEANS ANY DESIGNATION OR IDENTIFICATION USED TO IDENTIFY A CHEMICAL OTHER THAN BY ITS CHEMICAL NAME, INCLUDING A TRADE NAME OR NUMBER, CODE NAME OR NUMBER, BRAND NAME, AND GENERIC NAME.

(E) "DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION TO WHOM AN EMPLOYEE GIVES WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THAT EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS UNDER §§ 32A THROUGH 32N OF THIS SUBTITLE. A RECOGNIZED OR CERTIFIED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT SHALL BE TREATED AUTOMATICALLY AS A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT REGARD TO WRITTEN EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION.

(F) "DISTRIBUTOR" MEANS A PERSON OTHER THAN A CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER OR IMPORTER, WHO SUPPLIES HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS TO OTHER DISTRIBUTORS OR TO EMPLOYERS.

~~(G) -- "EMPLOYEE" -- INCLUDES --~~