

○ **MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (*HAZARD COMMUNICATION*)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Md. Code, Lab. & Empl. §§ 5-401 – 5-410

GENERAL SUMMARY: With few exceptions, the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act requires employers to comply with the federal hazard communication regulations adopted by the U.S. Department of Labor (*see entry, U.S. — Pesticides & Agricultural Chemicals — Hazard Communication*). In brief, those regulations require employers to provide information to their employees about the hazardous chemicals to which they are exposed on the job, through the use of product labeling, safety data sheets, and employee information and training programs.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: The requirement to comply with the federal hazard communication standard **does not apply** to farm employers who utilize hazardous chemicals in their farm operation, provided they comply with applicable requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (*see entry, U.S. — Pesticides & Agricultural Chemicals — General Application Standards*).

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Unit, Division of Labor and Industry, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*