

Decision 2018/1

Amending the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the adoption at its first meeting of the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV, appendix, Decision 2000/3), containing paragraph 5 (Location criteria), which was amended at its third meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, annex II, Decision 2004/2),

Recalling also that the Conference of the Parties amended annex I to the Convention at its fourth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/15/Add.1, Decision 2006/2) and again at its eighth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/30/Add.1, Decision 2014/2) in order to bring it into line with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals,

Noting that some Parties reported confusion because the wording of paragraph 5 of the latest version of the Guidelines (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, annex II, Decision 2004/2) still corresponds to the original text of annex I,

Noting also that it is not clear from the current wording whether the substances mentioned in part II of annex I are to be considered,

Noting further that the experience gained from implementation of the Guidelines since 2004 suggests that a more thorough review of the Guidelines might be appropriate,

Decides to amend paragraph 5 (Location criteria) of the Guidelines (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, annex II, Decision 2004/2) as follows:

In paragraph 5 (a):

- (i) Replace “involving substances that” with “involving hazardous substances that: (i)”;
- (ii) Replace “involving toxic substances” with “(ii) fall under category 1, 2 or 3 of part I of annex I to the Convention (including any substance mentioned in part II of annex I that has any of these properties) and”;

In paragraph 5 (b):

- (i) After “involving”, insert “hazardous”;
- (ii) Replace “3, 4, 5 or 8” with “1, 2, 3, 9, 16, 17 or 18”;
- (iii) After “Convention”, add “(including any substance mentioned in part II of annex I that has any of these properties)”;

Also decides to task the Bureau, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation and the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, to review the Guidelines (taking into consideration effect and risk assessment methodologies) and to prepare a draft decision containing the proposed amendments to the Guidelines for consideration at a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
