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HAZARD COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Building Block Approach: Guidance on its implementation

Comments to ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2006/24 (France)

Transmitted by the expert from Canada

1. Canada supports the principles detailed in ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2006/24 and believe the text could be improved with the following clarifications.

Proposal

2. Add the following note at the end of paragraph (b)(ii):

Note: Some hazard classes contain additional categories that can be considered on a stand alone basis, for example, Specific target organ toxicity, Category 3: transient target organ effects (Chapter 3.8) and Reproductive toxicity: Effects on or via lactation (Chapter 3.7).
 3. Delete the last paragraph under (d): “If it is the decision of a competent authority to leave a building block aside when implementing GHS, this competent authority has the right either not to address this topic at all, or to deal with it in its own way”.
 4. Add paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) to section 1.1.3.1.5 of the GHS document after current paragraph 1.1.3.1.5.3.
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