COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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UPDATING OF THE SECOND REVISED EDITION OF THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)

Environmental hazards

OECD work related to the validation of the Transformation/Dissolution Protocol: proposal for a consequential change to GHS Chapter 4.1

Transmitted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

1. Introduction

Considering the submission to the Sub-Committee of:

- (i) the Report of the Ring Test and Statistical Analysis of Performance of the Guidance on Transformation/Dissolution of Metals and Metal Compounds in Aqueous Media; and
- (ii) of the document Consideration regarding applicability of the Transformation/Dissolution Protocol.

the following change is proposed:

2. Proposal

Replace the last sentence of paragraph 4.1.2.11.2 (Chapter 4.1) with:

"All evidence must be weighed in a classification decision. This would be especially true for metals showing borderline results in the Transformation/Dissolution Protocol."
