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Labelling of small packagings

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Introduction

- 1. It was considered by some members of the correspondence group premature to develop actual guidance on the application of the general principles for the labelling of small packagings
- 2. As reported in INF.28 (19th session), the correspondence group then suggested to develop illustrative examples showing how the principles described in paragraph 1.4.10.5.4.4 of the GHS may be applied. It is suggested that such illustrative examples could be included in the GHS either as a non prescriptive, non exhaustive new Annex (similar format to Annex 7) giving examples of arrangements of the GHS label elements on small packagings, or as a sub-section of Annex 7.
- 3. The purpose of this INF paper is to provide the Sub-Committee with a first view of a possible format for such examples that will be examined and further developed by the correspondence group during the biennium 2011–2012.

Development of examples of labelling of small packagings

- 4. A few contributions illustrating potential application of the general principles for the labelling of small packagings were collected that still need to be:
 - (a) converted into an appropriate format to be included in a new Annex or in a subsection of Annex 7 according to the views of the Sub-Committee, and
 - (b) reviewed by the correspondence group.
- 5. An example (still to be discussed within the correspondence group) illustrating the proposed format to be used is included below for the information of the Sub-Committee.



Example

Intermediate/Outer Packaging:

Box containing 5 ampoules - 4900 mm² surface area available for the supply label

Inner Packaging:

0.5 ml Glass ampoule – unlabelled but sealed in plastic bag with end tag for label

