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Hazard communication issues: Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

Corrections to Annex 3 of the GHS: Precautionary statements

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom on behalf of the Correspondence Group on Improving Annexes 1 to 3¹

Purpose

1. This document presents some minor corrections to Tables A3.2.2 and A3.2.3 that have been identified by the correspondence group.

Detail

- 2. The proposed corrections are as follows:
 - (a) In Table A3.2.2, for **P210**, column (4):

In the row for "Oxidising solids (chapter 2.14)", replace "Types A, B, C, D, E, F" by "1, 2, 3"; and

In the row for "Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15)", replace "1, 2, 3" by "Types A, B, C, D, E, F", so the entries read:

Oxidising solids (chapter 2.14)

1, 2, 3

Please recycle

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14, and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/48, Annex IV).

Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15) Types A, B, C, D, E, F

Rationale:

The entries in Column (4) against the hazard classes Oxidising solids (chapter 2.14) and Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15) should be reversed, in line with informal document INF.8 (42nd session TDG Sub-Committee) - INF.5 (24th session GHS Sub-Committee), which supported working documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/19 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/20.

(b) In Table A3.2.3, for **P370+P380+P375**

Delete the row "Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15) - Type B" so P370+P380+P375 applies only to Explosives of Division 1.4.

Rationale:

The row for organic peroxides should be deleted because organic peroxides, together with self-reactive substances and mixtures, are already correctly assigned to P370+P372+P380+P373 (for Type A) or to P370+P380+P375[+P378] (for Type B). This correction is again in line with INF.8 (42nd session TDG) –INF.5 (24th session GHS).

(c) In Tables A3.2.2 and A3.2.3, for **P280**, **P305**, **P310**, **P338**, **P351** and **P305**+**P351**+**P338**, column (3):

Replace "Severe" by "Serious".

Rationale:

The change is needed so in each case the hazard class correctly reads "Serious eye damage (chapter 3.3)".

Action

- 3. The Sub-Committee is invited to agree the proposed corrections.
- 4. If the corrections are agreed it is proposed to include them in a corrigendum to the 5th edition of the GHS and incorporate them in the 6th edition when published in 2015.

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