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Classification criteria and related hazard communication:

nanomaterials

Review of the applicability of GHS to nanomaterials

Transmitted by the expert from France on behalf of the correspondence group¹

1. This document reports back to the GHS Sub-Committee on the status of work of the informal correspondence group on the review of the applicability of GHS to nanomaterials, and on the related tasks as agreed during this biennium. The correspondence group also makes a proposal to continue the work.

Status of work

- 2. As reported during the 27th session, the informal group agreed to work on the question "Can we make classification of nanomaterials by applying the existing criteria in the GHS?" by collecting data from some examples of nanomaterial substances and performing a classification exercise.
- 3. The informal group agreed also to the fact that the envisaged workstreams and the possible developments of the group for the GHS are long-term processes.
- 4. The informal group continues the work by compiling available data from the activities of other forums worldwide relevant for hazard assessment of nanomaterial substances.

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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, item 2(a)).

Proposal

- 5. The Sub-Committee is invited to take note and comment on the status of the work.
- 6. The informal group proposes to continue the work on reviewing the applicability of the GHS classification criteria to nanomaterials during the biennium 2015-2016.

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