Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Terms of reference and work programme for biennium 2019-2020

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Background

1. In its meeting on 6^{th} December 2018 the members of the informal working group on labelling of small packagings agreed to extend its scope beyond small packagings and to change accordingly its name into Practical Labelling Issues.

Proposed terms of reference

2. Address issues arising from the use of GHS label elements, i.e. by developing guidance and examples.

3. Consider the opportunities that digitalization may bring to convey GHS hazard information and make proposals to address them.

Working programme 2019-2020

4. It is proposed that, during biennium 2019-2020, the group will cover the following activities:

- Review and update examples 1 to 7 in Annex 7.
- Review the existing digital means of communication that can be used to convey GHS hazard information to users (e.g. electronic label, QR code etc.).
- Consider the development of general principles and criteria on the provision of this information digitally;
- Develop guidance and examples wherever appropriate. This can also include an assessment of backup solutions for users who are unable to connect to digital information.

5. The members of the informal working group that will meet December 6th, during the plenary, are invited to consider this proposal and, should they wish to do so, to make other suggestions for the work programme (i.e. development of new examples).