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**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 Transport of Dangerous Goods****Fifty-seventh session**

Geneva, 29 June-8 July 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session\* \*\* \*\*\***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 June 2020

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Explosives and related matters:
  - (a) Review of test series 6;
  - (b) Improvement of test series 8;
  - (c) Review of tests in parts I, II and III of the Manual of Tests and Criteria;
  - (d) “UN” standard detonators;
  - (e) Review of packing instructions for explosives;
  - (f) Application of security provisions to explosives N.O.S.;
  - (g) Test N.1 for readily combustible solids;
  - (h) Review of Chapter 2.1 of the GHS;

The outcome of the discussions on this matter will be considered under agenda item 10 (a)

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\* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/113/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents is 3 April 2020.

\*\* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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- (i) Energetic samples;
- (j) Issues related to the definition of explosives;
- (k) Review of packaging and transport requirements for ANEs;
- (l) Miscellaneous.

After preliminary consideration in the plenary most of the questions under (a) to (l) above will be referred to a working group on explosives that will meet in parallel. At its fiftieth session, the Sub-Committee felt that the involvement of experts from sectors other than transport in the work of the working group on explosives was highly desirable and expressed the wish that more experts from other sectors would attend its sessions<sup>1</sup>.

- 3. Listing, classification and packing.
- 4. Electric storage systems:
  - (a) Testing of lithium batteries;
  - (b) Hazard-based system for classification of lithium batteries;
  - (c) Transport provisions;
  - (d) Damaged or defective lithium batteries;
  - (e) Sodium-ion batteries.
  - (f) Miscellaneous.
- 5. Transport of gases:
  - (a) Global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles;
  - (b) Miscellaneous.
- 6. Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:
  - (a) Marking and labelling;
  - (b) Packagings;
  - (c) Fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) portable tanks;
  - (d) Portable tanks (other than FRP);
  - (e) Other miscellaneous proposals.
- 7. Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations with the Model Regulations.
- 8. Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- 9. Guiding principles for the Model Regulations.
- 10. Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)<sup>2</sup>:

At its thirty-eighth session the GHS Sub-Committee considered that it would be appropriate to hold a joint session with the TDG Sub-Committee in July 2020 to discuss matters of common interest, particularly the review of Chapter 2.1. The Chair of the TDG Sub-Committee concurred with this suggestion<sup>3</sup>. However, following

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<sup>1</sup> See ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, para 91.

<sup>2</sup> Participants in the work of the GHS Sub-Committee who are not normally involved in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee are invited to participate in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee when the Sub-Committee is acting as GHS focal point for physical hazards (see also ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, para 43 (b)).

<sup>3</sup> See the report of the GHS Sub-Committee, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/76, para 58.

consultations between the chairs and vice-chairs of both sub-committees, the secretariat and the experts leading the work on matters of common interest to both sub-committees (notably on the review of Chapter 2.1), it was concluded that a joint decision on these matters was not required at this session. Consequently, the proposal to organise a joint session has been withdrawn.

To facilitate participation of interested GHS Sub-Committee delegates, the TDG Sub-Committee will consider all matters relating to the GHS on Tuesday 7 July. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in these discussions should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session<sup>4</sup>.

These matters will include:

- (a) Review of Chapter 2.1;
  - (b) Clarification of 2.9.3.4.3.4 of the Model Regulations and 4.1.3.3.4 of the GHS;
  - (c) Testing of oxidizing substances;
  - (d) Chemicals under pressure;
  - (e) Updating of references to OECD Guidelines;
  - (f) Simultaneous classification in physical hazards and precedence of hazards;
  - (g) Miscellaneous
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report.
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<sup>4</sup> <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=MSUSx8>.