



**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 Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Forty-first session**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-first session****Addendum****List of documents and annotations****1. Adoption of the agenda**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/81	Provisional agenda for the forty-first session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/81/Add.1	List of documents and annotations

A provisional timetable and additional information on the organisation of the session will be circulated in an informal document closer to the session.

Background documents (secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.9	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), ninth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.22	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, twenty-second revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7 and ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7/Amend.1	Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition and Amendment 1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals on its fortieth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/116 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/116/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of Dangerous Goods on its fifty-eighth session

2. Work on the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the TDG Sub-Committee on any matter of interest to its work.

(b) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

The expert from Germany may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 11 and 12).

(c) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards

The experts from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 13 to 17).

(d) Classification of skin sensitizers using the results of local lymph node assays (LLNA) test methods in accordance with OECD Test Guideline 442B

Informal document INF.6 (Japan) Clarification of the criteria for classification for skin sensitization using animal studies

(e) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 20 to 22).

The informal working group will deliver a presentation on current issues and challenges on this topic, for consideration and discussion by the Sub-Committee.

(f) Practical classification issues (proposed amendments to the GHS)

The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras.23 and 68 to 70).

(g) Nanomaterials

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(h) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 25 to 29).

(i) Other matters

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/7 Amendment to Chapter 2.17 “Desensitized explosives”
(Germany)

Informal document INF.3 Draft corrections to the ninth revised edition of the GHS
(secretariat)

3. Implementation of the GHS

(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

The experts from Canada and the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 41 to 43).

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

GHS Sub-Committee participants will be invited to provide information about progress with GHS implementation (including challenges faced, lessons learnt, impact) in their countries or areas of work.

The Sub-Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the European Union chemical's strategy for sustainability as a follow-up to the information provided at the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 55 to 60).

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

It is expected that the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) provide an update to the Sub-Committee on progress with GHS implementation through legal instruments, recommendations or guidelines under their responsibility.

Other bodies and international organisations may also wish to inform the Sub-Committee about recent developments on GHS implementation within their areas of work.

(d) Miscellaneous

Informal document INF.4 Information on activities to support GHS implementation (Sweden)

4. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria**(a) Alignment of Annex 9 (section A9.7) and Annex 10 with the criteria in Chapter 4.1**

The representative of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, para. 67).

(b) Practical classification issues

The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress on the development of examples and additional guidance on the application of the GHS criteria since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 68 to 70).

(c) Practical labelling issues

The representative of the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the fortieth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/80, paras. 71 and 72).

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the preliminary results of a study on digital labelling for products subject to the provisions of the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation implementing the GHS in the European Union.

(d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

5. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

6. Other business

Informal document INF.5
(secretariat)

Review of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies to be conducted during the 2022 session of ECOSOC, expected contributions from the GHS Sub-Committee and related follow-up actions

7. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its forty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
