# 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

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# List of documents under agenda item

# 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

Informal documents INF.1 and 2 List of documents and list of documents under agenda item

Informal document INF.7 Provisional timetable and working arrangements for the 41st 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 Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition and

-/Rev.7/Amend.1 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 Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/116/Add.1 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

Informal document INF.10 Informal working group on combinations of physical

(Germany) hazards: status report and further work

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider the outcome of the discussion of the TDG Sub-Committee on this topic.

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

Informal document INF.11 Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of

(United Kingdom, Netherlands) health hazards: Status report

Informal document INF.18 Current issues

(United Kingdom, Netherlands)

## (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

Informal document INF.14 Status of the work of the informal working group on (European Union) clarification of the criteria for classification for germ

cell mutagenicity

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

Informal document INF.15 Status report and proposal to address issues from the (United States of America) programme of work for the practical classification

issues informal correspondence group

# (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

Informal document INF.16 Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working

(United Kingdom) group

Informal document INF.19

(United Kingdom)

Current issues and challenges

# (i) Other matters

Desensitized explosives

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/7 Amendment to Chapter 2.17 "Desensitized explosives"

(Germany)

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider the outcome of the discussion of the TDG Sub-Committee on this topic.

Draft corrections to the ninth revised edition of the GHS

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

Informal document INF.13 and Add.1 (Canada, United States of America)

Status update on the ongoing work of the global list informal correspondence group

#### (b) Reports on the status of implementation

Informal document INF.12 Report on the implementation of the GHS in the United (United States of America) States of America hazard communication standard

#### (c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

Informal document INF.9 (WHO) Update from the World Health Organization on GHS implementation issues: Adoption of GHS criteria in WHO/IPCS publications

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 (Sweden)

Information on activities to support GHS implementation

# 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

Informal document INF.17 Status update on and proposal for the ongoing work of (ICMM) the informal correspondence group

## (b) Practical classification issues

Guidance under preparation will be considered during the discussion of informal document INF.15 under agenda item 2 (f).

## (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

Informal document INF.8

(RPMASA)

GHS virtual training in South Africa

# 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.