

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**

2 December 2021

Forty-first session

Geneva, 8-10 December 2021

Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda

**Implementation of the GHS:
Reports on the status of implementation**

Report on the implementation of the GHS in the United States of America hazard communication standard

Transmitted by the expert from the United States

Introduction

1. This informal paper reports on the progress of implementing the GHS revision 7 into the U.S. Hazard Communication Standard.

Background

2. In 2012, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the GHS revision.

Progress of implementation

3. In February, 2021, OSHA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to update the HCS to align with the GHS revision 7, with options to include provisions of revision 8:

Chapter 3.2 – non-animal test methods for skin corrosion/irritation

Chapter 2.3 – new classification criteria for aerosols

Chapter 2.3 – new hazard category for aerosols – chemicals under pressure

Annex 1-3 – updated medical and precautionary statements

4. OSHA held an informal hearing presided over by an adjuvant law judge.

5. OSHA is currently receiving comments from interested stakeholders. Comment period closes December 22, 2021.

6. OSHA will develop a final rule based on all comments and documents submitted to the agency.

7. OSHA will develop guidance based on stakeholder feedback and the final rule.
