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Addendum

List of documents and annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/87 and Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/87/Add.1

Background documents (secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.10	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), tenth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.23	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (twenty-third revised edition)
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.8	Manual of Tests and Criteria, eighth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/50 and Adds. 1 to 3	Report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its eleventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its forty-third session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/122 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its sixty-first session





2. Work on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on matters of interest to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals¹

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/1	Amendment to section 51.4.4.2 (e) of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (China)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/2	Amendment of definition "explosive or pyrotechnic effect" (Sweden)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/3	Consideration of amendments to Chapter 2.17 (Desensitized explosives) of the GHS and section 51 of the Manual of Tests and Criteria (AEISG)

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee) on the documents listed above as well as on any other issue of interest to the Sub-Committee.

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

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. The expert from Germany may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since its forty-third session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, paras. 13 to 16.

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

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since its forty-third session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 18.

(d) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. The representative of the European Union may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since its forty-third session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 20.

Delegates participating 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 sessions of the TDG Sub-Committee when it is acting as the focal point of the GHS Sub-Committee for physical hazards (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, paragraph 43 (b)). At its sixty-second session (3-7 July 2023) the TDG Sub-Committee may consider matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee. All the documentation for the session will be made available at https://unece.org/info/Transport/Dangerous-Goods/events/373851. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session.

(e) Potential hazard issues and their presentation in the Globally Harmonized System

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/6 (European Union on behalf of the informal working group) Potential hazard issues and their presentation in the Globally Harmonized System: Mandate to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on endocrine disruptors

(f) Practical classification issues (proposed amendments to the Globally Harmonized System)

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. The expert from the United States of America may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work of the group on the remaining items on its programme of work related to proposals of amendments to the GHS. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para.23.

(g) Nanomaterials

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

(h) Hazard communication for gases addressed in the Montreal Protocol and other conventions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/4 and Informal document INF.3 (Austria, Finland, Germany, United Kingdom, United States of America and the European Union) Revision of chapter 4.2 to include classification and hazard communication for greenhouse gasses listed in the annexes of the Montreal Protocol

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

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since its forty-third session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 26.

(j) Practical labelling issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/5 and Informal document INF.4 (Cefic on behalf of the informal working group) Revision of examples 1 to 7 in annex 7

(k) Other matters

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

3. Implementation

(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. 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 matter since the forty-third session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 34.

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item. Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

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

(d) Miscellaneous

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

4. Development of guidance on the application of the Globally Harmonized System

(a) Practical classification issues

The expert from the United States of America may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work of the informal working group on the remaining items on its programme of work in relation to the development on guidance on the application of GHS criteria. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 23.

(b) Practical labelling issues

The Sub-Committee will consider the proposal for amendment of examples 1 to 7 in annex 7 of the GHS under agenda item 2 (j). The representative of the European Chemical Industry (Cefic) may wish to update the Sub-Committee on the work of the informal working group regarding the development of additional guidance for labelling. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para.41.

(c) 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. Implementation of Agenda 2030 and work of the Economic and Social Council

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

7. Other business

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

8. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its forty-fourth session and its annex(es) on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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