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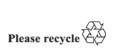
1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/89 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/89/Add.1

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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/C.4/88	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its forty-fourth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/124 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its sixty-second 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

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 any matters 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-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 14.

(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 experts from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since its forty-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 15.

(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-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 16.

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

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 the forty-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, paras.17 to 19.

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-third session (27 November-6 December 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/376526. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session.

(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.4/88, para.20.

(g) Nanomaterials

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

(h) Hazardous to the atmospheric system

At its forty-third session, the Sub-Committee decided to include an item on its programme of work for 2023-2024 on "hazard communication for gases addressed in the Montreal Protocol and other conventions" (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, para. 47 and annex I). At its forty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee adopted a set of amendments to chapter 4.2 to address this item (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 22 and annex I) and decided to start work to expand the scope of the GHS to address other substances and mixtures hazardous to the atmospheric system. The renamed agenda item takes account of this decision.

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 topic since the forty-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 23.

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/9 and informal document INF.3 (United Kingdom on behalf of the informal working group)

Proposed amendments to precautionary statements in annex 3 in relation to acute toxicity and specific target organ toxicity hazard classes

The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work of the informal working group on items on its programme of work. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, paras. 24 and 25.

(i) Other matters

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/7 (Canada) French translation of the hazard statements for chemicals

under pressure, categories 1, 2 and 3

 $ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2023/8 \ (China) \qquad Proposal \ to \ add \ hazard \ communication \ for \ substances \ or$

mixtures evolving flammable vapours in annex 4 of the Globally Harmonized System "Guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS)"

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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-fourth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para. 32.

(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 of the informal working group on 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.4/88, para. 41.

(b) Practical labelling issues

At its forty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee adopted a set of amendments to the labelling examples in annex 7 of the GHS (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88, para.42 and annex I). The representative of the European Chemical Industry (Cefic) may wish to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work of the informal working group on the remaining items on its programme of work (see informal document INF.32 (forty-third session).²

(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.

² https://unece.org/info/events/event/368936

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-fifth session and its annex(es) on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.