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List of documents under agenda item

Note by the secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/89 Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/89/Add.1 Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session

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

Informal document INF.10 Practical information and provisional timetable

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 TDG on its sixty-second session

Work on the Globally Harmonized System of **Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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

Informal document INF.6 (TDG INF.16) (Germany) + Bursting pressure test method for Koenen steel tubes

Informal document INF.14 (TDG INF.32) (SAAMI) +

Comments on INF.6

Informal document INF.24, item 1 (secretariat)

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

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Simultaneous classification in physical hazards and precedence of hazards

Informal document INF.4 (TDG INF.4) (FEA) +

Aerosols – Alignment of special provision 63 with special provision 362

Informal document INF.24, item 2 (a) (secretariat)

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

Informal document INF.5 (TDG INF.7) (Germany) +

Informal working group on combinations of physical hazards: Notes for aerosols and chemicals under

pressure

Informal document INF.7 (TDG INF.17) (Germany) Informal working group on combinations of physical hazards: Status report and amendment to the notes

for aerosols

Informal document INF.24, item 2 (b) (secretariat)

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

Informal document INF.8 (United Kingdom, Netherlands) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health and environmental hazards: progress report

(d) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity

Informal document INF.16 (European Union)

Status of the work of the informal working group on clarification of the criteria for classification for germ cell mutagenicity

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

Informal document INF.20 (European Union)

Potential hazard issues and their presentation in the Globally Harmonized System: status report

Informal document INF.11 (OECD) +

Activities to support the mandate on endocrine

disruptors

Informal document INF.15

Proposal to reconsider the inclusion of endocrine

(China) +

disruptor in the GHS hazard classification

Informal document INF.22 (European Union)

Clarification of the proposal on the inclusion of endocrine disruptors in the GHS hazard classification

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

Informal document INF.21 Status update on the work of the practical

(United States of America) classification issues informal correspondence group

(g) Nanomaterials

Informal document INF.18

(European Union)

Latest developments in the European Union on

nanomaterials

(h) Hazardous to the atmospheric system

Informal document INF.23

(European Union)

Status of the work of the informal working group on substances that are hazardous to the atmospheric

system

(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)
Informal document INF.9

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(United Kingdom)

Proposed amendments to precautionary statements in annex 3 in relation to acute toxicity and specific

target organ toxicity hazard classes

Status of the work of the improvement of annexes

1 to 3 informal working group

(j) 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) +

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)"

Informal document INF.17 (TDG INF.39) (USA) +

Informal document INF.24,

item 3 (secretariat)

Proposal to cover substances and mixtures that emit

flammable vapours in annex 11 of the GHS Work of the TDG Sub-Committee of

on matters of interest to the GHS

Sub-Committee

Informal document INF.12

(UNITAR)

Reference to "non-observed effect concentration" in

chapter 4.1, category chronic 4

Informal document INF.19 (USA) Use of "should", "shall", "may" and "must" in the

GHS

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

A representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will inform the Sub-Committee about the outcome of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5) that was took place in Bonn (Germany) from 25 to 29 September 2023.

(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).¹

(c) Miscellaneous

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

¹ https://unece.org/info/events/event/368936

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

Informal document INF.7 (secretariat)

Hybrid and virtual meetings

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the deadline for submission of official documents and the meeting dates for its forty-sixth session.

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.

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