Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FURTHER WORK ON GHS LABELS

Proposed by the informal working group

- Provide more specific provisions for GHS pictograms, including size;
- Provide more specific provisions on the placement of GHS pictograms;
- Provide additional and more explicit examples of arrangements of the GHS label elements to provide better guidance and promote more accurate and consistent understanding of how the labels should appear on packagings; and,
- Include specific provisions to promote clear differentiation between labels used in transport and those applied in other sectors.
- Provide specific provisions to address precedence of hazard in the application of GHS pictograms;
- In undertaking this work, the needs of each sector should be taken into account and treated consistently.

The objectives of the proposed work item is to improve the ability of persons who come into contact with chemical packagings to identify the hazards relevant to each particular sector. It is envisioned that these provisions will result in more consistent implementation of the GHS for all sectors. Consistent implementation and clear guidance will result in more effective and simplified training. It will enhance comprehensibility, reducing potential confusion for all target audiences, and promote the safe transport, storage and use of chemicals.

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