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HAZARD COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Amendments of precautionary statements for physical hazards

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Background

1. During a number of ad-hoc meetings of physical-chemical properties experts it appeared that some amendments of precautionary statements as well as alignment of these statements between hazard classes having more or less the same hazard characteristics, is needed. For example the set of precautionary statements of organic peroxides and self-reactive substances differ whereas the classification principles and the general properties are the same. Also for flammable liquids some amendments seem to be needed. In other hazard classes some essential statements are missing.
 2. This information paper is to inform the Sub-Committee of Experts that CEFIC intend to prepare such a proposal for the December 2008 meeting.
 3. Delegates are invited to send their proposals regarding necessary amendments of precautionary statements related to physical hazards to CEFIC, so that they can be included in the proposal currently planned for the December 2008 meeting.
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