

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

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and Labelling of Chemicals

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/31	Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session
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Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.2	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), 2 nd revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, 15 th revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.4 and amendments 1 and 2	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, 4 th revised edition and amendments 1 and 2 thereto
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/26	Report of the Sub-committee of experts on its 13 th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/28	Report of the Sub-committee of experts on its 14 th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/30	Report of the Sub-committee of experts on its 15 th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/CRP.3 and –Adds.1 to [Add.9]	Draft report of the Sub-Committee of experts on the TDG on its 34 th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/CRP.4 and –Adds.1 to [Add.10]	

2. UPDATING OF THE SECOND REVISED EDITION OF THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/14 (Secretariat) +	}	Consolidated list of draft amendments to the second revised edition of the GHS
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/14/Add.1 (Secretariat) +		Comments on – 2008/14
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.4 (Secretariat)		Draft text of Chapter 4.1 as amended by ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/14 and - 2008/14/Add.1
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.36 (Secretariat)		Outcome of the work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 34 th session

(a) Physical hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/16 (Secretariat)		Procedure for the classification of ammonium nitrate emulsions, suspensions or gels (Chapter 2.1, Figure 2.1.4)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/20 (Germany) +	}	Self-heating substances and mixtures
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.28 (Germany)+		Amendments to -2008/20
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.36, item 2 (a) (Secretariat)		Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 34 th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/25 (Sweden) +	}	Clarification of flammable aerosols
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.11 (FEA)		Comments on -2008/25
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.15 (United Kingdom)		Informal working group on test series 7
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.19 (Germany) +	}	Work of the informal working group on chemically unstable gases
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.36, item 2 (b) (Secretariat)		Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 34 th session
UN/SCETDG/34/INF.59 (ICCA) +	}	Screening test for substances which may have explosives properties and consequential changes
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.36, item 2 (d) (Secretariat)		
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.36, item 2 (c) (Secretariat)		Additional tests for classification of 1.4S explosives

(b) Health hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18 (Secretariat) +	}	Revision of Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18/Add.1 (Secretariat) +		Revision of Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.3 (Secretariat) +		Section 3.4.2 of Chapter 3.4 (refer to documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18 and -2008/18/Add.1)
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.23 (Australia)		Amendments to table 3.4.3 in -2008/18

(c) Environmental hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/17 (OECD) Proposal for revising Chapter 4.1 and Annex 10: Guidance on transformation/dissolution of metals and metal compounds in aqueous media

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/27 (CEFIC, AISE and SDA) + } Amendments to section 4.1.2.10.3
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.17 (CEFIC, AISE and SDA) } Technical support to -2008/27

(d) Annexes

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/15 (Secretariat) Classification and labelling of Ozone Depleting Chemicals; Consequential amendments to Annex 3

(e) Miscellaneous proposals

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.8 (Secretariat) Proposed corrections to the GHS text
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.14 (EIGA) Comments on units of concentration of ingredients in mixtures

3. HAZARD COMMUNICATION ISSUES

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/24 (UK) + } Revision of Annexes 1, 2 and 3. Combined hazard statements
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.6 (Secretariat) } Combined hazard statements: comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/24

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.24 (UK) Revision of Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the GHS – Precautionary Statements

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/26 (CEFIC) Labelling of very small packagings
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.7 (Secretariat) GHS symbols
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.13 (IPIECA) Consideration of issues relevant to SDSs by IMO Sub-Committee on bulk, liquids and gases (BLG12)
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.31 (Secretariat) Symbol for the hazardous to the aquatic environment

4. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE ON THE APPLICATION OF GHS CRITERIA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/23 (USA) + } Outcome of the work of the informal correspondence group on classification of mixtures
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.5 (Secretariat) } Amendments to the bridging principles in chapters 3.1 and 3.10 and 4.1 of the GHS as amended in accordance with ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/23, Annex 1
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.12 (IPIECA) Application of the GHS to UVCBs in specific petroleum substances

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GHS**(a) Reports from Governments or organizations**

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.26 (EC) Implementation of the GHS in the EU
 UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.29 (Brazil) GHS implementation status

Other experts, observers and organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(b) Cooperation with other international organizations

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.33 (WHO), paras. 1 to 14	Cooperation between WHO and the GHS Sub-Committee
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.30 (Secretariat)	Cooperation between the OEWG of the Basel Convention and GHS Sub-Committee

Other international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of recent developments in their field regarding the GHS.

(c) Other implementation issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/22 (Australia)	Proposals from the informal working group on GHS implementation issues
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/28 (Australia/Secretariat)	Terminology issues: Use of the term “endpoint”
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.10 (Secretariat)	Terminology issues: Use of the term “chemicals”

6. CAPACITY BUILDING

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.27 (UNITAR)	Report on Capacity Building activities
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.33 (WHO) paras. 15-16	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.

7. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2009-2010

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/19 (France and Germany)	Test Method N.5. Ability for testing low gas evolution rates of toxic gases released when a substances is in contact with water
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.18 (Germany)	Performance of Test Method N.5
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/21 (Australia, Austria, France, New Zealand, Slovenia and Spain), paras. 15-18.	Development of criteria for the classification and labelling of substances and mixtures hazardous to the terrestrial environment
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.21 (CropLife)	Hazardous to the terrestrial environment
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.25 (Sweden)	Hazardous to the terrestrial environment
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/23 (USA), Annex 3	Issues to be referred to the Sub-Committee for follow-up
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/24 (United Kingdom), paras. 23-26	Improvement of Annexes 1, 2 and 3 (precautionary statements)
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.20 (Canada)	Comments on -2008/24
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/26 (CEFIC), para.5	Labelling of small packagings
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.12 (IPIECA), para. 9	Application of the GHS to petroleum substances
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.16 (France)	Criteria for substances corrosive to metals
UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.19 (Germany)	Work of the informal working group on chemically unstable gases

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.22 (France)

Nanomaterials

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.35 (Secretariat)

Draft programme of work

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider any other proposal for inclusion in its programme of work for the biennium 2009-2010.

8. DRAFT RESOLUTION 2009/ ... OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.32 (Secretariat) Draft ECOSOC resolution

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2009-2010

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee will be invited to elect officers for the next biennium among the representatives of its member countries.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/22
(Chairperson/Secretariat)Publication of the Globally Harmonized System of
Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.34 (RCMASA)

International Transport and Environment Conference 2009

11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its sixteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
