

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF
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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally
Harmonized System of Classification
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COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Work on the SCETDG on its 35th session

Informal intersessional working group on Test Method N.5

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter information document INF.54 on the work of the intersessional correspondence group for the revision and update of test method N.5

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ISSUES RELATING TO THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)

Informal intersessional working group on Test Method n 5

Transmitted by the experts from France and Germany

1. On the basis of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/68 (submitted by France and Germany) and INF. Paper 44 (submitted by Germany), the Sub Committee established an informal intersessional correspondence group to revise and update test method N 5, see report in document ST/SC/AC:10/C.3/68, para. 115.
 2. The group met on 23rd and 24th of April 2009 in Paris on the invitation of the expert from France; the meeting was chaired by Mrs. Michael-Schulz from the Federal Institute of Materials Research and Testing - BAM- (Berlin, Germany). The group carried out a first analysis and agreed to start an intensive phase of collection and exchange of data on test N5.
 3. The full report of the meeting will be submitted to the Sub Committee for its session in December 2009. Furthermore, the group is planning to hold the next meeting in December 2009 in Geneva, in parallel to the meeting of the Sub Committee of Experts on Global Harmonisation of Classification and Labelling (GHS).
 4. The Sub Committee is invited to take note of the first steps of work of the group and to inform the Sub Committee of Experts on GHS accordingly.
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