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Report about the meeting of the correspondence group on the revision of section of Annex 4 on December 7, 2011

Transmitted by the expert from Germany on behalf of the correspondence group

1. The correspondence group on the revision of section 9 of Annex 4 had a very constructive meeting on December 7 and made good progress.
2. The group has agreed that instead of just listing the properties as currently done in the GHS in Annex 4 section 9 they should be amended by some remarks or guidance. These are supposed to give information such as for which types of substances the individual properties are required and what kind of information is expected to be given.
3. Furthermore, the group has discussed the basic physical-chemical properties and preliminary agreed on the inclusion of most of them and also drafted wording for the remarks or guidance to be added for them. It still has to discuss other physical chemical properties and safety characteristics which are important for the classification of physical hazards.
4. The group has also agreed that for any property that is proposed to be removed or added to section 9 it would give a justification.
5. In addition, the group has agreed that it would have to think about possible implications for chapter 1.5 and especially Table 1.5.2 of the GHS.