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Classification criteria and hazard communication:

Nanomaterials

Terms of reference for the correspondence group on nanomaterials

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

Introduction

1. Reference is made to paragraph 28, of the report of the Sub-Committee on its 25th session (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50) where it is stated that: "*It was agreed that the group should start by clearly defining the terms of reference for its work.*".
2. This document presents the outcome of the informal meeting of the group during the 26th session of the Sub-Committee.
3. On the basis of INF.23 and on a document circulated for discussion at the informal meeting, the group agreed on the following proposal regarding the terms of reference for the group:

Terms of reference

- (a) To establish whether there is a need to amend the GHS to make clear that nano forms of a chemical are within scope of the GHS;
- (b) To review the classification and labelling criteria in the GHS to establish whether they are appropriate for nano, as well as bulk-forms of a chemical;
- (c) To review the content of safety data sheets set out in the GHS in terms of their applicability to nano-forms of a chemical;
- (d) To report back to the sub-committee on the outcomes of (a) to (c) and to propose as appropriate further work.

Proposal

4. Taking into account the agreement of the group, the Sub-Committee is invited to endorse the terms of reference of the group as proposed in this document.
5. A formal document will be submitted to the next session with a recall of the terms of reference of the group, and the outcome of the work of the group.