



**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Twenty-eighth session**

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Classification criteria and related hazard communication:**Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures****Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of
mixtures****Transmitted by the International Paint and Printing Ink Council
(IPPIC)¹****Introduction and discussion**

1. At the twenty-fourth session the Sub-Committee agreed to inclusion of the above item in its work programme for the 2013-2014 biennium at the request of IPPIC. Additional viscosity criteria, determined at 23°C using a method such as flow cups according to ISO 2431, should be included in Chapter 3.10 to take account of mixtures such as paints and printing inks for which it is not possible or practicable to measure kinematic viscosity at 40°C.

2. IPPIC regrets that it has not been possible to submit a proposal for revision of Chapter 3.10 during the current biennium. Nonetheless this issue remains important for formulators of mixtures such as those mentioned in paragraph 1, so IPPIC intends to continue its work in this area and to submit a proposal to the Sub-Committee in the next biennium.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013–2014 approved by the Committee at its twenty-sixth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para.14).

3. No correspondence group is foreseen for this topic since it was of relevance to relatively few delegations. However IPPIC will gladly liaise with interested experts in the development of its proposal.

Proposal

4. The Sub-Committee is requested to retain this item in its work programme and to anticipate a proposal by IPPIC during the 2015-2016 biennium.

5. Any experts with an interest in contributing to the development or review of this work item are invited to contact IPPIC through Janice Robinson (j.robinson@cepe.org).
