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Hazard communication issues:

Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

A suggestion for the wording of P503 for Explosives

Transmitted by the experts from the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI), the United States and Sweden

1. Working document 9 from Sweden suggests an amendment to the conditions for use for P502 as amended at the 29:th session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS (SCEGHS), see the report from that meeting (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/58). The proposal constitutes only a minor addition to the by SCEGHS already accepted changes to P502 so as to fit also for Explosives.

2. In INF.11 to this (30:th) session of the SCEGHS, submitted in parallel as INF.36 to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (SCETDG), France proposed that the Explosives Working Group should examine the issue. As a result of the discussions in that group, SAAMI submitted INF.24 to the SCEGHS with a proposal to instead make a new precautionary statement P503 for Explosives, and revert P502 back to its wording and use as presently in GHS Rev. 6. Independently, the United States submitted INF.26, also that with a proposal for a new P503 for Explosives but with a somewhat different wording than that proposed by SAAMI, and also suggesting that P502 should be reverted back to its previous wording and use.

3. The experts from SAAMI, the United States and Sweden have been seeking a solution that would suit the concerns of those parties. That solution is presented herein.

Proposal

4. In Table A3.2.5 of Annex 3 to the GHS, insert a new P503 for Explosives:

Code (1)	Disposal precautionary statements (2)	Hazard class (3)	Hazard category (4)	Conditions for use (5)
P503	Refer to manufacturer/ supplier/... for information on disposal/recovery/ recycling.	Explosives (Chapter 2.1)	Unstable explosives and Explosives Div. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5	... Manufacturer/ supplier or competent authority to specify appropriate source of information in accordance with local/regional/national/interna tional regulation as applicable

5. In Table A3.2.5 of Annex 3 to the GHS, revert P502 back to its wording and use as in GHS Rev. 6:

Code (1)	Disposal precautionary statements (2)	Hazard class (3)	Hazard category (4)	Conditions for use (5)
P502	Refer to manufacturer or supplier for information on recovery or recycling.	Hazardous to the ozone layer	1	

6. Make the consequential changes to the matrix in Section A3.3.5 of Annex 3 to the GHS.
