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Note by the secretariat

1. Classification criteria and related hazard communication, including:

- (a) Review of Chapter 2.1 (Explosives) in the GHS
Lead country: Sweden
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (b) Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.19 (28th session)
- (c) Criteria for water-reactivity
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee
Mandate/Terms of reference: ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/40 (Annex II).
- (d) Tests and criteria for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids
Lead country: France
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (e) Stability tests for industrial nitrocellulose
Lead country: Germany
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (f) Dust explosion hazards
Lead country: United States of America
Mandate/Terms of reference: [INF.26] (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

- (g) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards
Lead countries: Netherlands and United Kingdom
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27/Rev.2 (31st session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 31st session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/62 paragraph 26)
- (h) Practical classification issues
Focal point: Informal working group on practical classification issues
Lead country: United States of America
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.39 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (i) Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures
Lead organization: IPPIC
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.33 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (j) Nanomaterials
Take into account the progress of international scientific work to review the applicability of the GHS to manufactured nanomaterials, if necessary.
Lead country: France
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

2. Hazard communication issues, including:

- (a) Labelling of small packagings
Lead organization: CEFIC
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (b) Improvement of Annexes 1-3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements
Lead country: United Kingdom
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27/Rev.1 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

3. Implementation issues, including

- (a) Assessing the possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS
Lead country: United States of America
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.40 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (b) Facilitate the coordinated implementation of the GHS in countries and monitor the status of implementation of the GHS

- (c) Cooperate with other bodies or international organizations responsible for the administration of international agreements and conventions dealing with the management of chemicals so as to give effect to the GHS through such instruments

4. Guidance on the application of the GHS criteria, including

- (a) Development of examples illustrating application of criteria and any related hazard communication issues, as needed

Focal point: Informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

Lead country: United States of America

Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.39 (32nd session) and paragraphs [...] of the present report.

- (b) Alignment of guidance in Annex 9 (section A9.7) and Annex 10 of the GHS with the criteria in Chapter 4.1

Lead organization: ICMM

Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.25 (24th session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

5. Capacity building

- (a) Review reports on training and capacity-building activities;
 - (b) Provide assistance to United Nations programmes and specialized agencies involved in training and capacity-building activities, such as UNITAR, ILO, FAO and WHO/IPCS through the development of guidance materials, advice with respect to their training programmes and identification of available expertise and resources.
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