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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
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**Classification criteria and related hazard communication:
other issues****Addressing risk management in the GHS****Transmitted by the experts from Australia and the United States of
America*****Introduction**

1. At the thirty-fifth session the expert from Australia presented a document outlining an approach to the inclusion of risk management information in the GHS (informal document INF.22, thirty-fifth session). The document presented an alternative approach to that presented at the thirty-fourth session (informal document INF.14, thirty-fourth session).
2. At the thirty-fifth session, the expert from the United States of America suggested that, rather than repeating the note proposed in paragraph 8 (b) of informal document INF.22 wherever risk management information appears in the GHS, it be included in paragraph 1.1.2.6.1, *Other scope limitations*. The expert from the United States also suggested minor revisions to the proposed language.
3. At the conclusion of the discussions at the thirty-fifth session, the experts from Australia and the United States were invited to present a proposal for decision.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2017–2018 approved by the Committee at its eighth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, para. 98, and ST/SG/AC.10/44, para. 14).

Proposal

4. Consistent with the proposal from the expert from the United States at the thirty-fifth session, the text from informal document INF.22 is inserted into paragraph 1.1.2.6.1 as follows, with new text in **bold**.

“The GHS is not intended to harmonise risk assessment procedures or risk management decisions (such as establishment of a permissible exposure limit for employee exposure), which generally require some risk assessment in addition to hazard classification. **However, information on risk management is occasionally provided in the GHS on a case-by-case basis for guidance purposes. Competent authorities are best placed to determine in local law and standards the appropriate risk assessment procedures and risk management measures.** In addition, chemical inventory requirements in various countries are not related to the GHS ³.”

5. The sub-committee is invited to agree to the proposal in paragraph 4 above.
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