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Hazard communication: practical labelling issues

Revision of examples 1 – 7 in Annex 7

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Background

1. At its thirty-fifth session, the Sub-Committee examined a proposal by UNITAR in order to revise examples 1-7 in Annex 7 (see [UN/SCEGHS/35/INF.12](#)).
2. The Sub-committee felt that more discussion was needed on how to update these examples.
3. During the thirty sixth session, the review and update of examples 1 to 7 in Annex 7 was added to the work programme of the informal working group on practical labelling issues (PLI) for biennium 2019-2020.
4. This issue was briefly addressed during the thirty seventh session. It was mentioned that different options would be proposed for the thirty-eighth session.

Discussion

5. Some examples in Annex 7 need to be updated since they are no longer in line with the current edition of the GHS.
6. The PLI informal working group will need to consider UNITAR suggestion to modify the layout of examples in Annex 7 in order to better reflect actual labelling.
7. Two options may be considered:
 - (a) Keep the present layout (with references to the chapters of the GHS relating to the various label elements) and only review the examples containing outdated information;
 - (b) Revise the examples in order to address UNITAR suggestion.
8. If option a) is retained, to answer the need for training material expressed by UNITAR, the informal working group may wish to consider developing examples looking like “actual labels”, based on the examples in Annex 7 or new ones, to be added to the guidance part of the UNECE website. This would follow the steps of the “Examples on the application of GHS criteria” developed by the working group on practical classification issues.

Proposal

9. The members of the Sub-committee are invited to consider the proposed ways forward.
