

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda for the thirty-eighth session

Addendum

List of documents and annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/75	Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/75/Add.1	List of documents and annotations
Informal document INF.1 (Secretariat)	List of documents
Informal document INF.2 (Secretariat)	List of documents under agenda item
Informal document INF.10 (Secretariat)	Provisional timetable for the thirty-eighth session and calendar of meetings of informal working groups
Informal document INF.14 (Secretariat)	Accreditation of experts

Background documents (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.8	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), eighth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.21	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, twenty-first revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74	Report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/110 and Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of Dangerous Goods on its fifty-fifth session

2. Classification criteria and related hazard communication

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/11 (France) + INF.18 (France) + INF.28, Item 1 (Secretariat) Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids improvement regarding consideration for particle size, friable or coated materials

Informal document INF.15 (Chair of the Working Group on Explosives) + INF.28, Item 2 (Secretariat) Manual of Tests and Criteria, update test Series H: determination of self-accelerating decomposition temperature

Informal document INF.22 (Cefic) Second thought starter on digitalisation of hazard information for chemical products

(b) Review of Chapter 2.1

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/10 (Sweden) + Informal document INF.6 (Sweden) + INF.28, Item 3 (Secretariat) Review of GHS Chapter 2.1 GHS (explosives): status report on the development of an extended classification system

Informal document INF.26 (Sweden) Provisional agenda for the meeting of the informal correspondence group on the review of GHS Chapter 2.1

(c) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards

Informal document INF.20 (United Kingdom, Netherlands) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards: status report

(d) Practical classification issues

Informal document INF.29 (USA) Update on the work of the PCI informal working group

(e) Aspiration hazard

The representative of IPPIC will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the on-going work on the development of a suitable viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 32).

(f) Nanomaterials

The expert from France will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work on this issue. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 33).

(g) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

Informal document INF.17 (Germany)
+ INF.28, Item 4 (Secretariat) Informal Working Group on combinations of physical hazards:
Status of work and agenda for the working group meeting on
11 December 2019

(h) Other issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/9 (Secretariat) References to the Model Regulations, numbering of criteria in
tables 2.3.1 and 3.2.2, correction to Annex 7 (example 10) and
design of decision logics
Informal document INF.4/Rev.1
(Australia) Proposed clarification of eye irritation sub-categorization
Informal document INF.7 (Secretariat) Corrections to the eighth revised edition of the GHS
Informal document INF.11 (China)
+ INF.28, Item 5 (Secretariat) Clarification of paragraph 2.9.3.4.3.4 of Model Regulations
and paragraph 4.1.3.3.4 of GHS

3. Hazard communication**(a) Practical labelling issues**

Informal document INF.22 (Cefic) Second thought starter on digitalisation of hazard information
for chemical products
Informal document INF.25 (Cefic) Revision of examples 1 – 7 in Annex 7

(b) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/12
(United Kingdom) + INF.28, Item 6
(Secretariat) Proposed changes to Annex 1 of the GHS
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/15
(United Kingdom) Corrections and amendments to Annex 3, sections 2 and 3
Informal document INF.23
(United Kingdom) Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

(c) Review of Annex 4, sub-section A4.3.3.2.3

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(d) Other issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/8 (Secretariat) Corrections to hazard statements H410, H411 and H412
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/13 (Australia,
Canada) Proposed clarification for the heading of section 9 of the Safety
Data Sheet

4. Implementation of the GHS**(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS**

Informal document INF.27 (USA,
Canada) Global List informal correspondence group update

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/13 (Australia, Canada) Proposed clarification for the heading of section 9 of the Safety Data Sheet

Informal document INF.5 (Australia) + INF.19 (Cefic) Information on the status of GHS implementation in Australia

Informal document INF.13 (Secretariat) GHS implementation status in New Zealand and in the ANDEAN community

Other experts, observers and international organizations will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/14 (OECD) + Informal documents INF.3 (OECD) and INF.9 (Secretariat) Review and update of references to OECD guidance documents and test guidelines in the GHS

Informal document INF.12 (Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions) Expert Working Group on the review of Annexes to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

Informal document INF.16 (Secretariat) Strategic approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

(d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

5. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

Informal document INF.24 (IPIECA) Update of the IPIECA Guidance on the application of Globally Harmonized System (GHS) criteria to petroleum substances

6. Capacity building

Informal document INF.21 (ICCA) ICCA awareness raising and capacity building activities

Other experts, observers and international organizations will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

7. Other business

Informal document INF.8 (Secretariat) Definitions and use of acronyms and abbreviations in the GHS

8. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its thirty-eighth session and its annexes based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
