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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT  
OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

(Twenty-first session,  
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agenda item 5 a (i) and (ii))

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Programme of work for the 2001/2002 biennium and related proposals**

**Transmitted by the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA)**

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is a council of leading trade associations representing chemical manufacturers worldwide. ICCA members include associations from Canada, Mexico, United States of America, 16 countries within Europe, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

During this biennium the Sub-Committee addressed a proposal to change the classification of two specific chlorosilane materials from Class 8 to Class 6.1. While that proposal was not adopted, the Sub-Committee did accept two new generic chlorosilane entries indicating a primary hazard of Class 6.1, subsidiary hazard Class 8.

The debates during this biennium identified issues relative to the appropriate classification and hazard communication of materials that in contact with water emit corrosive or toxic gases, such as chlorosilanes. The question concerns how to classify and communicate hazards for those substances.

The global chemical industry recognizes this issue and is committed to participate in resolving application of the most appropriate classification criteria.

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ICCA intends to lead an in depth debate on this issue during the next biennium in the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, recognizing, however, that these discussions

may have an impact on the ongoing debates regarding global harmonization of classification and labelling of chemicals.

Therefore, ICCA requests that the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods add this item to the agenda for the 2001-2002 biennium under the agenda item "Listing and Classification," as "Substances that emit corrosive or toxic gases when wet."

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