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Programme of work for the biennium 2015–2016**Use of cellulose in test O.2 (Tests for oxidizing liquids) and in
test O.3 (Tests for oxidizing solids): Calendar for round robin
testing programme****Transmitted by the expert from France¹****Introduction**

1. During the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and during the twenty-seventh session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, the expert from France proposed to organize and conduct a round robin testing programme for defining the appropriate replacement cellulose in tests O.2 and O.3. This proposal was accepted as well as the inclusion of the "classification and testing of oxidizing liquids and solids" in the programme of work for 2015-2016 of the Sub-Committees (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90, paras. 122-123 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/54, paras 9-10). The proposed calendar for the testing programme is given hereafter.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013–2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

Proposed calendar for the testing programme

| Date | |
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| July 2014 | Prior contacts and exploratory testing for organizing UN Test O.2 testing. |
| September 2014 | Invitation to a wide range of experts able to participate in UN Test O.2 and UN Test O.3 round robin testing. The participants should be experts from both public and industry laboratories. |
| March 2015 | Report on progress, organization and first results from the UN O.2 testing programme. Basic principles for the choice of a replacement cellulose including suppliers capability of ensuring long-term quality, reproducibility and availability. A joint working document will be prepared for the 47th session of the TDG Sub-Committee and for the 29th session of the GHS Sub-Committee. |
| September 2015 | Final results from the UN Test O.2 testing programme. First results from the UN Test O.3 testing programme with the same cellulose as selected in Test O.2 as the replacement cellulose. A joint working document will be prepared for the 48th session of the TDG Sub-Committee and for the 30th session of the GHS Sub-Committee. |
| March 2015 | Overall round robin testing programme results for UN Test O.2 and in UN Test O.3. Proposal for amendments to UN Test O.2 and UN Test O.3 test descriptions, depending on the above results. A joint working document will be prepared for the 49th session of the TDG Sub-Committee and for the 31th session of the GHS Sub-Committee. |

2. The proposed calendar is based on contacts established with the expert from France as requested in document ST/ST/AC.10/C.3/90, para 123. For practical purpose contact Christian MICHOT at INERIS, France, email Christian.michot@ineris.fr.

3. Experts interested in that work that have not yet mentioned their wish to join are welcome to do so by contacting the above mentioned address. Depending on the feedback a complementary information document might be proposed for the December meetings