



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

Sub-Committee of Experts 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

Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session^{1 2 3}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 14:30 on Tuesday 5 July 2016⁴

1. Adoption of the agenda.

¹ Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/61/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by the GHS Sub-Committee only is 12 April 2016. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered during the joint TDG-GHS sub-committees session is 1 April 2016.

² For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4age.html>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

³ Delegates are requested to register online using the UNECE meeting registration system (<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=bnQBPO>). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 72106). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>

⁴ Noting that 6 July 2016 will be an official holiday in the United Nations and therefore no secretariat services will be available on that day, the Sub-Committee concurred with the TDG Sub-Committee at its twenty-third session that the best option to avoid losing half a day of meeting time was to hold the joint TDG-GHS sub-committees session on Tuesday 5 July. As meeting rooms can be made available on 6 July for informal meetings without interpretation services, the Sub-Committee agreed that informal working group meetings should take place on that day. Further details on registration procedures for the informal working group meetings as well as a provisional timetable will be circulated by the secretariat at a later stage.

2. Joint work with the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee).⁵
3. Classification criteria and related hazard communication:
 - (a) Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee;⁶
 - (b) Dust explosion hazards;
 - (c) Practical classification issues;
 - (d) Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures;
 - (e) Nanomaterials;
 - (f) Miscellaneous.
4. Hazard communication issues:
 - (a) Labelling of small packagings;
 - (b) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements;
 - (c) Miscellaneous.
5. Implementation of the GHS:
 - (a) Development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS;
 - (b) Reports on the status of implementation;
 - (c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations;
 - (d) Miscellaneous.
6. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria.
7. Capacity building.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

⁵ Documents under agenda item 2 will be considered during the second joint TDG-GHS sub-committees session on Tuesday 5 July, from 14:30 to 17:30 (refer to the report of the GHS Sub-Committee on its 30th session, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/60, paragraphs 53 to 55).

⁶ Participants in the work of the GHS Sub-Committee who are not normally involved in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee are invited to participate in sessions of the TDG Sub-Committee when the TDG Sub-Committee is acting as GHS focal point on physical hazards (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, par. 43 (b)). At its forty-ninth session, the TDG Sub-Committee will consider issues relating to the GHS under item 10 of its provisional agenda (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/97 for more details). GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee on these issues should register for both the TDG and the GHS sub-committee sessions.