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

Thirty-fifth session
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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session*: **: ***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 14:30 on Wednesday, 4 July 2018

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Joint work with the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee).¹

* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/69/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by the GHS Sub-Committee is 11 April 2018. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by both sub-committees (TDG and GHS) is 30 March 2018.

** 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/dgsубc4/c4age.html). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

*** Delegates are requested to register online at: https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=dgMaG. 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.html.

¹ The TDG and GHS sub-committees agreed at its fifty-second and thirty-fourth sessions respectively that it would be appropriate to hold a joint session in July 2018 to discuss topics of common interest (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/104, paragraph 30 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/68, paragraph 62). Documents under agenda item 2 will be considered during the joint session on the afternoon of Tuesday 3 July 2018.
3. 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;
   (b) Review of Chapter 2.1;
   (c) Dust explosion hazards;
   (d) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards;
   (e) Practical classification issues;
   (f) Aspiration hazard;
   (g) Nanomaterials;
   (h) Other issues.

4. Hazard communication:
   (a) Labelling of small packagings;
   (b) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements;
   (c) Use of “proportion ranges”: review of paragraph A4.3.3.2.3 in Annex 4;
   (d) Other issues.

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.

2 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, paragraph 43 (b)). At its fifty-third session (25 June-4 July 2018), the TDG Sub-Committee will consider issues relating to the GHS under item 10 of its provisional agenda (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/105 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 sessions.