



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-ninth session*, **, ***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 14:30 on Wednesday 8 July 2020

1. Adoption of the agenda.
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-Committee¹;

At its thirty-eighth session, the GHS Sub-Committee considered that it would be appropriate to hold a joint session with the TDG Sub-Committee in July 2020 to discuss matters of common interest, particularly, the review of Chapter 2.1. The Chair of the TDG Sub-Committee concurred with this suggestion². However, following consultations between the chairs and vice-chairs of both sub-committees, the secretariat and the experts leading the work

* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/77/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by the GHS Sub-Committee is 9 April 2020. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by both sub-committees (TDG and GHS) is 3 April 2020.

** All documentation for the session will be made available online at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>. Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of documents with them, as no paper copies of documents made available online before the start of the session will be made available in the meeting room. Delegates wishing to obtain paper copies of official documents during the session are invited to contact the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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¹ Delegates participating in the work of the GHS Sub-Committee are invited to participate in the 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, para. 43 (b)).

² See the report of the GHS Sub-Committee, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/76, para 58.

on matters of common interest to both sub-committees (notably on the review of Chapter 2.1), it was concluded that a joint decision on these matters was not required at this session. Consequently, the proposal to organise a joint session has been withdrawn.

To facilitate participation of interested GHS Sub-Committee delegates, the TDG Sub-Committee will consider matters relating to the GHS under item 10 of its provisional agenda³ on Tuesday 7 July. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the discussions should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session⁴.

- (b) Review of Chapter 2.1;
 - (c) Clarification of 2.9.3.4.3.4 of the Model Regulations and 4.1.3.3.4 of the GHS;
 - (d) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards;
 - (e) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards;
 - (f) Practical classification issues;
 - (g) Aspiration hazard;
 - (h) Nanomaterials;
 - (i) Other issues.
3. Hazard communication:
- (a) Practical labelling issues;
 - (b) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements;
 - (c) Review of Annex 4, sub-section A4.3.3.2.3;
 - (d) Other issues.
4. Implementation of the GHS:
- (a) Possible 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.
5. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria.
6. Capacity building.
7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the report.
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³ See ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/113 (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html>).

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⁴ <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=MSUSx8>.