



**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-ninth session**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Revised provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session****Addendum****List of documents and annotations****Note by the secretariat**

In the light of the continued worldwide impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the secretariat has been informed that it may not be feasible for some delegations to attend the session in person. To allow for their remote participation, the secretariat is taking the necessary steps to organise a “hybrid” session (i.e. with delegates attending in person and delegates connecting remotely). Further information on the working arrangements for the session will be circulated soon.

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/77/Rev.1 Revised provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/77/Rev.1/Add.1 List of documents and annotations

Informal document INF.11 containing the timetable for the informal discussions held in July in preparation for the thirty-ninth session is no longer relevant and will not be considered during the session.

Background documentsST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.8 Globally Harmonized System of Classification and
Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), eighth revised editionST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.21 Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous
Goods, Model Regulations (twenty-first revised edition)

ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7 Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its thirty-seventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/76	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its thirty-eighth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/110	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its fifty-fifth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/112 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/112/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its fifty-sixth session

2. Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee at its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/15 (secretariat)	Consolidated list of draft amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee at its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions
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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-Committee¹

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/4, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/4/Add.1 and Informal document INF.3 (Chairman of the Working Group on Explosives)	Manual of Tests and Criteria, review of Test Series H: determination of self-accelerating decomposition temperature
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/9 (France)	Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids: improvement regarding consideration for particle size, friable or coated materials

(b) Review of Chapter 2.1

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/5, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/5/Add.1 and Informal document INF.14 (Sweden)	New Chapter 2.1 for the GHS
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/18 (Sweden)	Decision logics for the new Chapter 2.1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/8, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/8/Add.1 and Informal document INF.16 (Sweden)	Allocation of precautionary statements for the new Chapter 2.1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/16 (Sweden)	Amendments to the Manual of Tests and Criteria to accommodate the new GHS Chapter 2.1

¹ GHS Sub-Committee delegates 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. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the discussions of the TDG Sub-Committee on matters of interest to the GHS should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session.

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/7 (Sweden)	Amendments to the Manual of Tests and Criteria to accommodate the new GHS Chapter 2.1 – in principle
Informal document INF.10 (IME, SAAMI)	GHS Chapter 2.1: Revised exclusion and exemption criteria for explosive - containing articles not assigned to Class 1
Informal document INF.13 (Sweden)	Status report (3 July 2020) on the review of GHS Chapter 2.1 – update on the open issues

(c) Clarification of 2.9.3.4.3.4 of the Model Regulations and 4.1.3.3.4 of the GHS

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/10 (China)	Clarification of 2.9.3.4.3.4 of Model Regulations and 4.1.3.3.4 of GHS
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(d) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(e) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards

Informal document INF.12 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards: Status report (3 July 2020)
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(f) Practical classification issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/14 (United States of America)	Proposal to address issues from the program of work for the practical classification issues correspondence group
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(g) Aspiration hazard

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(h) Nanomaterials

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(i) Other issues**Definitions and use of acronyms and abbreviation in the GHS**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/2 (secretariat)	Definitions and use of acronyms and abbreviations in the GHS
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/11 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/11/Add.1 (Germany)	Deletion of definitions for physical hazard classes in chapter 1.2 of the GHS

Review of the decision logics

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3 and
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3/Add/1 (secretariat) Review of the decision logics

Background documents

Informal document INF.5 (secretariat) Corrections to the decision logics in
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3 (French version)

Informal document INF.6 (Germany) Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3

Informal document INF.8 (secretariat) Comments on informal document INF.6

Workplace labelling: clarification of 1.4.10.5.5.1

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/6 and
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/6/Add.1 (secretariat) Workplace labelling: clarification of
1.4.10.5.5.1

Clarification of the criteria for classification for germ cell mutagenicity in category 1B

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/13 and
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/13/Add.1 (European
Union) Clarification of the criteria for
classification for germ cell mutagenicity in
category 1B

Background document

Informal document INF.13 (Germany) Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/13

(j) New proposals

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

4. Hazard communication**(a) Practical labelling issues**

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(b) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/12 and
Informal document INF.4 (United Kingdom) Proposed changes to Annex 3 to prevent
substances/mixtures classified as causing
serious eye damage or eye irritation being
transferred from the hand to the eye

(c) Review of Annex 4, sub-section A4.3.3.2.3

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(d) Other issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/1
(secretariat) Review and update of references to documents and
test guidelines in annexes 9 and 10 of the GHS

Informal document INF.9 (ICMM) Update on the alignment of Annex 9 (section 9.7) and
Annex 10 (on metals and metal compounds) to the
criteria in Chapter 4.1 and the generic environmental
hazard guidance

(e) New proposals

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

5. Implementation of the GHS:**(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/17 (Canada, United States of America) Status update on and proposal for the ongoing work of the global list informal correspondence group

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

(d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item

6. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

7. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

8. Programme of work for the biennium 2021-2022

Informal document INF.15 (Japan) Clarification of the criteria for classification for skin sensitization using animal studies

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider proposals for its programme of work for the period 2020–2021.

9. Draft Resolution 2021/... of the Economic and Social Council

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider a draft resolution to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for adoption at its 2021 session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

10. Election of officers for the biennium 2021-2022

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee will be invited to elect officers for the biennium 2021-2022 among the representatives of its member countries.

11. Other business

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its thirty-ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
