



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 10:00 on Wednesday 9 December 2020

Revision

Note by the secretariat: Due to the risks related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus and the related containment measures implemented worldwide such as travel restrictions and lock-downs, the thirty-ninth session of the Sub-Committee initially scheduled in July, was postponed until December at the dates initially scheduled for the fortieth session (9-11 December).

Unless they are withdrawn by the authors, all documents initially submitted for consideration in July, i.e.: official documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/1 to ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/14 and related informal documents, will be automatically placed on the agenda for the December session. Following-up to the online informal discussions held in July, some proposals may need to be modified to take account of the comments received. Authors are invited to submit the revised proposals as an addendum (Add.1) to the original document. The addendum

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

*** Delegates are requested to register online at: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Y0gx28>. 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 www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.

should not reproduce the contents of the original document but include only some background information on the rationale for the proposed changes together with the modified proposal. The changes to the original proposal should be indicated.

When a full review of the original document is needed, authors are invited to submit a consolidated revised version of the original document (Rev.1) together with a marked-up copy showing all changes made to the original document.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee at its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions.
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;
 - (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;
 - (j) New proposals.²
4. 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;
 - (e) New proposals.²
5. 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.
6. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria.
7. Capacity building.
8. Programme of work for the biennium 2021-2022.

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.

² Documents addressing matters not previously considered by the Sub-Committee during the biennium 2019-2020.

9. Draft Resolution 2021/... of the Economic and Social Council.
 10. Election of officers for the biennium 2021-2022.
 11. Other business.
 12. Adoption of the report.
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