

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and 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

Revised provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session

Addendum

List of documents and annotations

Note by the secretariat

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.17 (Secretariat)	Working arrangements for the thirty-ninth session and registration procedures
Informal document INF.35	Conduct of business and provisional timetable for the thirty-ninth session

Note: 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 documents

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.8	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), eighth revised edition
ST/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
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/R.1, -R.1//Add.1 to -/Add.7 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/R.2, and -R.2//Add.1 and -/Add.2	Draft report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its fifty-seventh 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-Committee

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/4, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/4/Add.1, 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
INF.36 paragraph 5 (Work of the TDG Sub-Committee)	Outcome of the work of the TDG Sub- Committee on matters of interest to the Sub- Committee
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/9 (France) + INF.36 paragraph 6 (Work of the TDG Sub-Committee)	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 INF.14 (Sweden)	New Chapter 2.1 for the GHS
INF.19 and INF.29 (Sweden)	Products consisting of or containing explosives, which are not classified as Class 1 for transport
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/18 (Sweden) + INF.22 (Germany) + INF.25 (Sweden)	Decision logics for the new Chapter 2.1
Informal document INF.30 (Sweden)	Consolidated and clean new GHS Chapter 2.1, as amended and endorsed by the Working Group on Explosives

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
INF. 36 paragraph 7 (Work of the TDG Sub-Committee)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/8, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/8/Add.1 and INF.16 (Sweden)	Allocation of precautionary statements for the new Chapter 2.1

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
INF.10 (IME, SAAMI)	GHS Chapter 2.1: Revised exclusion and exemption criteria for explosive – containing articles not assigned to Class 1
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
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/10/Add.1 (China)	
+ INF.36 paragraph 8 (Work of the TDG Sub-Committee)	

(d) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

The expert from Germany will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee to report on the any progress made on this item since the last session.

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

INF.12 and INF.12/Rev.1 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards: Status reports (3 July 2020 and 16 November 2020)
INF.26 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Revised terms of reference for the informal working group on the use of non-animal test methods for classification of health and environmental hazards

(f) Practical classification issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/14
+ INF.32 (United States of America)

Proposal to address issues from the program of work for the practical classification issues correspondence group

(g) Aspiration hazard

The representative of the World Coatings Council (formerly IPPIC) will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee to report on the any progress made on this item since the last session

(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) +
INF.18 (Canada)

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

INF.5 (secretariat)

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

INF.6 (Germany)

Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3

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,
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/13/Add.1 +
INF.37 (European Union)

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

Background document

INF.7 (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**

INF.28 (Cefic)

Terms of reference for the informal working group on practical labelling issues and work programme for biennium 2021-2022

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/12 and 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

INF.20 (United Kingdom)

Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

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

The representative of Cefic will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee to report on the any progress made on this item since the last session.

(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

INF.9 and INF.9/Rev.1 (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

Informal document INF.33 and -/Add.1 and 2 (secretariat) Draft report on the status of implementation of the GHS worldwide

(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

INF.34 (RPMASA) GHS training experiences during the COVID19 challenges

8. Programme of work for the biennium 2021-2022

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

INF.21 (United Kingdom) Proposed work plan for 2021-2022 for the informal working group on the improvement of Annexes 1-3 of the GHS

INF.23 (Germany) Review of the tiered approach for classification of mixtures

INF.27 (Netherlands, United Kingdom) Preparation of the work programme for the biennium 2021-2022 – Continuation of work on non-animal testing

INF.31 (United States of America) Proposal for the ongoing work of the informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

When considering its consolidated programme of work for the next biennium the Sub-Committee will also take account of proposals and feedback provided under agenda items 3 (e), (f), (g), (h), (i); 4 (a), (c) and 5 (a).

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

INF.24 (Secretariat)

ECOSOC Draft resolution 2021/...

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 and its annexes on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
