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**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****Fortieth session**

Geneva, 5-7 July 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Provisional agenda for the fortieth session****Addendum****List of documents and annotations****Note by the secretariat**

The fortieth session of the Sub-Committee will be held as a hybrid meeting (i.e. allowing for in-person and remote participation) with interpretation. It has been tentatively scheduled from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 16:00 on Monday and Tuesday (5 and 6 July) and from 10:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday (7 July). At the time of writing, the number of delegates allowed to participate in-person is 15. This number may vary over time following the evolution of the pandemic and the related containment measures in place in Switzerland. All details on the working arrangements for the session will be circulated on the website<sup>1</sup> in due time.

**1. Adoption of the agenda**ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/79 and  
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/79/Add.1

Provisional agenda for the fortieth session

**Background documents (Secretariat)**

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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://unece.org/transport/events/ac10c4-ecosoc-sub-committee-experts-globally-harmonized-system-classification-2>

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/78	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its thirty-ninth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/114 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in its fifty-seventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/48, ST/SG/AC.10/48/Add.1, ST/SG/AC.10/48/Add.2 and ST/SG/AC.10/48/Add.3	Report of the Committee of Experts on its ninth session

## 2. Work on the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

### (a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee<sup>2</sup>

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the TDG Sub-Committee on any matter of interest to its work.

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

The expert from Germany may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.25).

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/4 and informal document INF.3 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Revision of Chapter 3.3 to fully incorporate non-animal test methods
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ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/5 and informal document INF.4 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Consequential amendments to chapters 1.2 and 3.2 due to the revision of GHS Chapter 3.3 to fully incorporate non-animal test methods
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### (d) Classification of skin sensitizers using the results of local lymph node assays (LLNA) test methods in accordance with OECD Test Guideline 442B

The expert from Japan may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.54 (a)).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates participating 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-eighth session (28 June to 2 July 2021) the TDG Sub-Committee may consider matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee. All the documentation for the session will be made available at: <https://unece.org/transport/events/ac10c3-ecosoc-sub-committee-experts-transport-dangerous-goods-58th-session>. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session.

**(e) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity (sub-category 1B)**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/3 (European Union)	Terms of reference and work programme of the informal working group on the criteria for classification for germ cell mutagenicity
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**(f) Practical classification issues (proposed amendments to the GHS)**

The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.54 (b)).

**(g) Nanomaterials**

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

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/1 (United Kingdom)	Combination statement amendments to sections 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 3
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/2 (United Kingdom)	Amendments to sections 2 and 3 of Annex 3

**(i) Other matters**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/6 (Sweden)	Alignment of Chapter 2.17 with Chapter 2.1 – correction to GHS Rev. 9
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**3. Implementation of the GHS****(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS**

The experts from Canada and the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.44).

**(b) Reports on the status of implementation**

Informal document INF.5 (South Africa)	Report on the implementation of the GHS in South Africa
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Other 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 sub-item.

**(d) Miscellaneous**

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

**4. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria**

**(a) Alignment of Annex 9 (section A9.7) and Annex 10 with the criteria in Chapter 4.1**

The representative of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.42).

**(b) Practical classification issues**

The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress on the development of examples on the application of the GHS criteria since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.54 (b) and Annex II, item 4 (a)).

**(c) Practical labelling issues**

The representative of the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/78, para.37).

**(d) Miscellaneous**

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

**5. 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.

**6. Other business**

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

**7. Adoption of the report**

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

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