

## 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 fortieth session

### Addendum

## List of documents and annotations

### Note by the secretariat

## 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
Informal documents INF.1 and 2 (secretariat)	List of documents
Informal document INF.8 (secretariat)	Accreditation, registration, working arrangements and provisional timetable for the fortieth session
Informal document INF.13 (secretariat)	ECOSOC resolution E/RES/2021/13

## Background documents (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.9	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), 9 <sup>th</sup> revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.22	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (22 <sup>nd</sup> revised edition)
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7/Amend.1	Amendment 1 to the 7 <sup>th</sup> revised Manual of Tests and Criteria
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 and Adds 1 to 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

The Chairman of the TDG Sub-Committee will provide a summary of the outcome of the work of the TDG Sub-Committee (see informal document INF.23) on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee under items 2 (a) and 2 (i) of its agenda.

Informal document INF.23 (secretariat) paragraphs 4 and 5	Issues related to the definitions of explosives and proposal for unifying animal species for evaluation test of acute dermal toxicity in GHS and Model Regulations
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### (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 and amendments to section 3.2.2.3 in ST/SG/AC.10/2021/5
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Informal document INF.18 (United Kingdom, Netherlands)	Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards: Status report
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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

Informal document INF.10 (Japan)	Clarification of the criteria for classification for skin sensitization using animal studies
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### (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)

No proposal for amendment to the GHS has been submitted by the informal group on practical classification issues. The Sub-Committee will consider the status report of the work of the group under agenda item 4 (b) (see INF.20).

**(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
+ Informal document INF.19 (Germany)	Amendment to ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/2 with regard to paragraphs 25 to 27
Informal document INF.17 (United Kingdom)	Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

**(i) Other matters**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2021/6 (Sweden) + Informal document INF.23 paragraph 6 (secretariat)	Alignment of Chapter 2.17 with Chapter 2.1 – correction to GHS Rev. 9
Informal document INF.6 (Germany)	Amendment to Chapter 2.17 desensitized explosives
Informal document INF.7 (Canada)	French translation of the definition of “Eye irritation” in the GHS
Informal document INF.12 (RPMASA) +Informal document INF.23 paragraph 7 (secretariat)	Proposal for simple definition for the word “toxic”

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

Informal document INF.15 and -Add.1 (Canada and USA)	Status update on the ongoing work of the global list informal correspondence group
Informal document INF.14 (Sweden)	Study on the role of international trade agreements for the implementation of GHS

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

Informal document INF.5 (South Africa)	Report on the implementation of the GHS in South Africa
Informal document INF.21 (European Union)	Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability – CLP and GHS

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**

Informal document INF.20 (United States of America)	Status report on the work of the practical classification issues informal correspondence group
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**(c) Practical labelling issues**

Informal document INF.9 (Cefic)	Digitalisation of hazard information for chemical products
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**(d) Miscellaneous**

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

**5. Capacity building**

Informal document INF.11 (RPMASA)	GHS virtual training in South Africa
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Other 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**

Informal document INF.16      UN/OECD seminar in follow-up to the 2020 Beirut  
(Secretariat to the UNECE      explosion  
Convention on the Transboundary  
Effects of Industrial Accidents)

## **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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