

## 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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**Work on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals: Improvement of annexes 1 to 3  
and further rationalization of precautionary statements**

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

**Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom on behalf of the  
informal working group**

### Introduction

1. This informal paper provides an update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of Annexes 1 to 3 since the forty-first session of the Sub-Committee in December 2021.

### Background

2. At the thirty-ninth session, the Sub-Committee agreed the working group's programme of work for the 2021-2022 biennium<sup>1</sup> and updates on the progress of the work were provided to the Sub-Committee at the fortieth and forty-first sessions.<sup>2</sup>

3. The informal working group presently has approximately 70 members, reflecting the importance of, and interest in, this work to improve Annexes 1 to 3. Its membership includes experts with specialised knowledge of the various hazard classes within the GHS and experts on national legislation that implements GHS.

### Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, the working group has actively taken forward, via correspondence and at two virtual meetings (3 February and 4 March 2022), the outstanding issues from the discussions at the forty-first session.

5. The outcomes include the following working and informal documents submitted by the United Kingdom on behalf of the working group for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its forty-second session in July 2022:

- **ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2022/5** and informal document **INF.3 (42<sup>nd</sup> session)** - "Combination statement amendments to sections 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 3"

6. The informal working group is currently progressing several other issues from their work plan, including respiratory sensitizers issues, and will continue its work via

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<sup>1</sup> see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/78 and informal document INF.21 (39<sup>th</sup> session)

<sup>2</sup> see informal documents INF.17 (40<sup>th</sup> session) and INF.16 (41<sup>st</sup> session)

correspondence, virtual meetings, and at a face-to-face informal group meeting during the forty-second session in July 2022.

### **Action requested from the Sub-Committee**

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the progress of the Annexes 1-3 working group.
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