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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 annexes 1 to 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-second session of the Sub-Committee in July 2022.

Background

2. At the thirty-ninth session, the Sub-Committee agreed the working group's programme of work for the 2021-2022 biennium and updates on the progress of the work has been provided to the Sub-Committee at each session this biennium.

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 (28 July and 27 October 2022), the outstanding issues in relation to respiratory sensitizer precautionary statements in Annex 3.

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-third session in December 2022:

- **ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2022/16** and informal document **INF.3** (43rd session) - "Proposed amendments to precautionary statements in Annex 3 due to the respiratory sensitization hazard class"
- Informal document **INF.17** (43rd session) - "Proposed work plan for 2023-2024 for the informal working group on the improvement of Annexes 1-3 of the GHS"

6. The informal working group is currently progressing two other issues in Annex 3 from their work plan in relation to acute toxicity hazard class precautionary statements and the combination statement “P302 + P361 + P354”, and will continue its work via correspondence, virtual meetings.

Action requested from the Sub-Committee

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