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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**

**Forty-fifth session**

Geneva, 6-8 December 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

 Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session[[1]](#footnote-2)\*, [[2]](#footnote-3)\*\*, [[3]](#footnote-4)\*\*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 14:30 on Wednesday 6 December 2023

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Work on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on matters of interest to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals[[4]](#footnote-5);

(b) Simultaneous classification in physical hazards and precedence of hazards;

(c) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health and environmental hazards;

(d) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity;

(e) Potential hazard issues and their presentation in the Globally Harmonized System;

(f) Practical classification issues (proposed amendments to the Globally Harmonized System);

(g) Nanomaterials;

(h) Hazardous to the atmospheric system;[[5]](#footnote-6)

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

(j) Other matters.

3. Implementation:

(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System;

(b) Reports on the status of implementation;

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations;

(d) Miscellaneous.

4. Development of guidance on the application of the Globally Harmonized System:

(a) Practical classification issues;

(b) Practical labelling issues;

(c) Miscellaneous.

5. Capacity building.

6. Implementation of Agenda 2030 and work of the Economic and Social Council.

7. Other business.

8. Adoption of the report.

1. \* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/89/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Sub-Committee) is 13 September 2023. The deadline for submission of documents to be considered by both sub-committees (i.e.: the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee) and the GHS Sub-Committee) is 1 September 2023. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \*\* All documentation for the session will be made available online at: <https://unece.org/info/Transport/Dangerous-Goods/events/376527>. This will be a paperless meeting. Printed documents will not be available in the meeting room. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. \*\*\* Participation will only be possible for registered delegates. All participants wishing to attend shall register in INDICO at the following address <https://indico.un.org/event/1001150/>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section. Practical information on access and security, including a map of the Palais des Nations can be found at the following address: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information>. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 75028). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 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 it is acting as the focal point of the GHS Sub-Committee for physical hazards (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, paragraph 43 (b)). At its sixty-third session (27 November – 6 December 2023) 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/info/Transport/Dangerous-Goods/events/376526>. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. At its forty-third session, the Sub-Committee decided to include an item on its programme of work for 2023-2024 on “hazard communication for gases addressed in the Montreal Protocol and other Conventions” (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, paragraph 47 and annex I). At its forty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee adopted a set of amendments to chapter 4.2 to address this item and decided to start work to expand the scope of the GHS to address other substances and mixtures hazardous to the atmospheric system (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, paragraphs 22 and 23). The renamed agenda item takes account of this decision. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)