

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 improvement of 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 a brief update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of annexes 1 to 3 since the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in December 2023.

Background

2. At the forty-third session, the Sub-Committee agreed the informal working group's programme of work for the 2023-2024 biennium and updates on the progress of the groups work are provided to the Sub-Committee at each session during the biennium.

3. The 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 the GHS.

Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee the informal working group has not been able to hold any virtual meetings primarily due to competing work demands this year. However, the leads of the two remaining work items on the groups work plan have continued their work, with the aim of holding respective meetings to discuss these issues over the coming months. The first of these meetings is scheduled to take place on the 18 July 2024.

5. These work items are as follows:

- Skin corrosion combination statement "P302 + P361 + P354";
- Review of the use of slashes, dots and brackets within precautionary statements.

Action requested from the Sub-Committee

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