

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Implementation: Possible development of a list of chemicals classified
in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System**

Status update on the continuing work of the global list informal working group

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Canada**

Introduction

1. This informal document provides an update of the work conducted by the global list informal working group (IWG) since the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in December 2023.

Background

2. At its forty-fourth session, the co-chairs of the global list IWG provided a detailed update of the “United Nations GHS Global Classification List Survey” undertaken by the global list IWG (INF.21, 44th session). The informal document outlined the conclusion of the survey and posting of the survey results on the UNECE Chemical’s assessment page (www.unece.org/transport/dangerous-goods/chemicals-assessment).

3. At its forty-fifth session, the co-chairs informed the Sub-Committee that the global list IWG was planning to meet in January 2024 to discuss the development of manuscripts outlining the preliminary results and providing a more in-depth analysis.

Status report

4. The co-chairs held a meeting of the global list IWG in January 2024 to discuss development of a first manuscript outlining the survey results as well as to discuss potential journals for the manuscript (as outlined in workstream A (c)). During that meeting, the co-chairs invited others to participate in developing the manuscript. Several experts from the global list IWG volunteered to help with drafting the manuscript.

5. The co-leads are developing a draft of the manuscript and are planning to set up a meeting in July with the additional volunteers to discuss further development of the manuscript.

6. The co-leads plan to contact members of the IWG for a touch-base meeting tentatively in August.

Action requested from the Sub-Committee

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the progress of the global list IWG.
