



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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Adoption of the agenda

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Addendum

List of documents and annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/93 and Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/93/Add.1

Background documents (secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.10	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), tenth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.23	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (twenty-third revised edition)
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.8	Manual of Tests and Criteria, eighth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/88	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its forty-fourth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, annex III	Programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2023-2024
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/90	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its forty-fifth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its forty-sixth session



ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/124 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its sixty-second session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/126 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its sixty-third session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/128 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its sixty-fourth session

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

(a) Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee at its forty-fourth, forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/11 (secretariat)	Consolidated list of draft amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee at its forty-fourth, forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions
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(b) 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 Chemicals¹

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/12 (SAAMI) (<i>ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/69</i>)	Use of expert judgment related to explosives testing in GHS chapter 2.17
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/13 (China) (<i>ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/88</i>)	Packing group assignment for flammable solids other than metal powders
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/14 (United States of America) (<i>ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/93</i>)	Consideration of nitrocellulose mixtures in chapter 2.17 (Desensitized explosives) of the Globally Harmonized System, Section 51 of the Manual of Tests and Criteria and special provision 393 of the Model Regulations
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/15 (China) (<i>ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/94</i>) + informal document INF.4 (<i>TDG, INF.6</i>)	Report of the informal correspondence group on the revision of subsection 51.4 of the Manual of Tests and Criteria regarding the burning rate
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/16 (FEA) (<i>ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/105</i>)	Aerosols – Alignment of special provision 63 with special provision 362

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee) on any other matters of interest to the Sub-Committee.

(c) Simultaneous classification in physical hazards and precedence of hazards

The expert from Germany may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the forty-sixth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, paragraph 15.

¹ 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-fifth session (25 November–3 December 2024) 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/387210>. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session.

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

The experts from the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of the Netherlands may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the forty-sixth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, paragraph 21.

(e) Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity

The representative of the European Union may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this matter since the forty-sixth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, paragraphs 22 to 24.

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/20 (OECD) Report of the OECD ad hoc group on potential hazard classes for endocrine disrupters in the Globally Harmonized System

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

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/18 (United States of America) Proposal to address simple asphyxiants in annex 11

(h) Nanomaterials

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(i) Hazardous to the atmospheric system

The representative of the European Union may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the forty-fifth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/90, paragraphs 23 to 25.

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

The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work of the informal working on this topic since the forty-sixth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, paragraph 33.

(k) Other matters

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/17 (United States of America) Proposal for clarification to the aerosol category 3 criteria
(*ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/111*)
+ informal document INF.3
(*TDG, INF.4*) (United States of America)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2024/19 (UNITAR) Proposal to amend 4.1.3.6

3. Implementation**(a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System**

The experts from Canada and the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress on the work on this topic since the forty-fifth session. For reference see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/90, paragraph 35.

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

(d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

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

(a) Practical classification issues

The Sub-Committee will consider a proposal from the practical classification issues informal working group to address simply asphyxiants in the GHS under agenda item 2 (g). The representative of the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about any ongoing or future activities of the informal working group related to the development of guidance.

(b) Practical labelling issues

The representative of the European Chemical Industry (Cefic) may wish to update the Sub-Committee about the status of the work of the informal working group on this topic. For reference, see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/90, paragraphs 42 and 43.

(c) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda sub-item.

5. Programme of work for 2025-2026

The Sub-Committee will review the status of the activities listed on its programme of work for 2023-2024 (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/86, annex III)² and consider proposals for the period 2025-2026.

6. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

7. Implementation of Agenda 2030, draft resolution 2025/... and work of the Economic and Social Council

As a follow-up to the review of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies conducted during 2022 and the request by the Council to its subsidiary bodies to further align its work in support to the implementation of the 2030 agenda, the Sub-Committee will be:

- informed about the outcome of the 2024 ECOSOC Coordination Segment, and
- invited to consider a draft prepared by the secretariat summarizing the work of the Sub-Committee during 2023-2024 in relation to the implementation of Agenda 2030 and the sustainable development goals.

² <https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/ST-SG-AC10-C4-86E.pdf>.

Additionally, the Sub-Committee may wish to consider a draft resolution to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for adoption at its 2025 session (management segment: 10 and 11 June 2025) on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

8. Election of officers for 2025-2026

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee will be invited to elect officers for the biennium 2025-2026 among the heads of delegation of its member countries.

9. Other business

As announced by the Chairperson at the forty-sixth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/92, paragraph 56), the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider ways to encourage further discussion during the plenary sessions and to reevaluate the role of informal working groups.

10. Adoption of the report

In accordance with the established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its forty-seventh session and its annex(es) on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
