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Activities conducted by the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI) to support the implementation of the GHS

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I. Introduction

1. This document is to inform the Sub-Committee about the Swedish Chemicals Agency's (KEMI's) continued support to various countries and organizations to promote the implementation of the GHS.

II. Activities conducted during 2024

2. KEMI has provided support to the development of a special module on the GHS in the FAO¹ Pesticide Registration Toolkit². It includes information on institutional aspects, principles of classification and labelling, the classification procedure in practice and information on hazard communication. The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit is a decision support system for pesticide registrars in low- and middle-income countries.

3. KEMI has conducted a 2-day introductory GHS training for inspectors at the South African Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, focusing on enforcement and inspections of GHS compliance.

4. KEMI has conducted a 3-day technical training for pesticide registrars from Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Uganda, focusing on information on classification and labelling according to the GHS, submitted as part of a pesticide application dossier.

5. KEMI has supported the development of a 1-hour e-learning course on Introduction to the Globally Harmonised System for classification and labelling of chemicals, to be launched next year.

6. KEMI is providing support to the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova regarding transposition of the EU regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures³, through a 30-month EU-financed project lead by the Finnish Meteorological Institute.

¹ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

² [Pesticide Registration Toolkit | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#).

³ Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

7. KEMI is conducting a 3-year bilateral development cooperation project with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine in the field of government chemicals management and EU approximation which includes transposition of the EU regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

8. KEMI has provided support to a four-year pilot project with the aim to increase the global implementation of GHS focusing on Africa. The beneficiary countries, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire have been selected based on clear and early indications of their commitment to the GHS. The project is a collaboration between SAICM⁴, EU⁵, ICCA⁶, UNEP⁷, ECHA⁸ and UNITAR⁹.

⁴ Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

⁵ The European Union

⁶ International Council of Chemical Associations

⁷ United Nations Environment Programme

⁸ European Chemicals Agency

⁹ United Nations Institute for Training and Research