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AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System  
of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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**UPDATING OF THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)**

Physical hazards

Classification of explosives

Transmitted by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)

**Introduction**

At the seventh session of the Sub-Committee, CEFIC submitted document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/5 proposing to classify unstable explosives in the GHS and, to this effect, to insert a new category in Chapter 2.1 of the GHS. The document was discussed during the seventh session, but was not adopted. Discussion will continue at the eighth session of the Sub-Committee. However, taking account of comments made during the seventh session, CEFIC proposes a few changes to the text of Chapter 2.1. Those changes are listed below.

**Proposals**

- Paragraph 2.1.2.1 (a), reinstate the word "entire" which had accidentally been deleted;
  - In the footnote of Table 2.1.1, after "handling" insert ",transport";
  - In the title of Figure 2.1.4, delete the coma between "substance" and "mixture" and replace it with "or"; and delete "or article".
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