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

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Labelling of very small Packagings

Transmitted by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)

Background

1. At the seventh session of the Sub-Committee, CEFIC submitted a paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/4 concerning the labelling of very small packagings. There was no common understanding reached at the session on the principles that should be considered when determining labelling for such packagings. CEFIC was requested to prepare a detailed review document (DRD) on current provisions in existing systems for the labelling of very small packagings in order to identify common elements, and then to report findings back to the Sub-Committee. In the meantime CEFIC was requested to provide progress reports to the Sub-Committee. At the eighth session of the Sub-Committee, CEFIC advised that a questionnaire was being prepared which would be submitted to members of the Sub-Committee requesting appropriate information.

Progress Report

2. The questionnaire has now been sent to members of the Sub-Committee with a request for it to be completed and returned to CEFIC by 31 August 2005. A limited number of replies have already been received. After the August deadline CEFIC will compile a detailed review document on current provisions in existing systems for the labelling of very small packagings and will submit it to the tenth session of the Sub-Committee in December 2005.