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

Environmental hazards

Proposal for precautionary statement, codes for Ozone Depleting Chemicals and  
consequential amendments

Transmitted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

This document presents a proposal for a precautionary statement for ozone depleting chemicals, and for codes for the hazard and precautionary statements, as well as for consequential amendments.

The proposal for classification and labelling of ozone depleting chemicals was sent to the UN Sub-Committee secretariat for submission to the July 2008 Sub-Committee meeting.

In the OECD proposal (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/1), Section 4.2.3 on hazard communication, there is a sentence that says “Annex 3 contains examples of precautionary statements and pictograms which can be used where allowed by the competent authority”.

The secretariat of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS brought to the attention of the OECD secretariat that the consequential amendments to Annex 3 (e.g.: precautionary statements and related codes) to which reference is made in this sentence, were missing in the proposal contained in ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/1.


The OECD secretariat agreed to consult the experts who developed the text with a view to the submission of a proposal to the Sub-Committee in due time. The proposal agreed by the OECD is as follows:

## Proposal for a precautionary statement and for codes for the hazard statement and precautionary statement

In Annex 3, Section 3, add a precautionary statement and codes for the hazard statement and precautionary statement, as follows:

### HAZARDOUS TO THE OZONE LAYER (CHAPTER 4.2)

<i>Symbol</i> Exclamation mark
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Hazard category	Signal word	Hazard statement	
1	Warning	H420 Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere	

Precautionary statements			
Prevention	Response	Storage	Disposal
			P502 <b>Refer to manufacturer for information on recovery/recycling</b>

### *Consequential amendments*

In Annex 3, Section 1, add a new row to table A3.1.3 (page 301 of the English version of GHS, Rev.2), as follows:

Code	Environmental hazard statements	Hazard class (GHS chapter)	Hazard category
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
H420	<b>Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere</b>	Hazardous to the ozone layer (chapter 4.2)	1

In Annex 3, Section 2, add a new row to Table A3.2.5 (page 328 of the English version of GHS, Rev.2), as follows:

Code	Disposal precautionary statements	Hazard class	Hazard category	Conditions for use
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
P502	<b>Refer to manufacturer for information on recovery/recycling</b>	Hazardous to the ozone layer (chapter 4.2)	1	

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