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

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION

List of documents under agenda item

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/33	Provisional agenda for the seventeenth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/33/Add.1	List of documents and annotations
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.1 and UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.2	List of documents under agenda item
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.16	Provisional timetable for the meetings of the informal working groups

Background documents (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.2	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), 2nd revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.15	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, 15th revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.4 and Amend.1 and 2	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, 4th revised edition and amendments 1 and 2 thereto
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/32	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its 16th session
ST/SG/AC.10/36 and Corr.1	Report of the Committee on its 4th session
ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.1	Amendments to the 15th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations
ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.2	Amendments to the 4th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria
ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.3	Amendments to the 2nd revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

2. UPDATING OF THE THIRD REVISED EDITION OF THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)

(a) Physical hazards

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/6 (USA) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) | Development of classification criteria for combustible dusts |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.4 (UK) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.19 par.6
(Secretariat) | Classification of aerosols |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.7 (EIGA) | Comments on criteria for flammable gases in 2.2.5 |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.10 (Germany) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.19, par. 7
(Secretariat) | Work of the informal group on chemically unstable gases |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.19, paras. 3-5
(Secretariat) | Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 35th session:
desensitized explosives and test series 7 |

(b) Health hazards

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/5 (ICMM, CEFIC) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) | Classification of poorly soluble particles for
specific target organ toxicity following repeated
exposure |
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The expert from Germany may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the ongoing work on the editorial review of Chapters 3.2 and 3.3 of the GHS.

(c) Environmental hazards

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

(d) Annexes

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| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.14 (UK) | Revision of Annexes 1, 2 and 3. Precautionary statements |
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(e) Miscellaneous proposals

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/2 (EIGA) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) | Concentration units of ingredients in mixtures |
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3. HAZARD COMMUNICATION ISSUES

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/1 (EIGA) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) | Comments on the use of the pictogram for “gases under
pressure” |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.9 (Cefic) | Labelling of small packagings |

4. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.3 (USA, Australia) Clarification of the bases for decision not to classify under the GHS

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.5 (USA) Implementation issues

5. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE ON THE APPLICATION OF GHS CRITERIA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/7 (IPIECA) + UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) Application of GHS criteria to substances of unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials (UVCB), in specific petroleum substances

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.13 (IPIECA) Options for sector/substance specific guidance in the GHS

6. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GHS**(a) Reports from governments or organizations**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/4 (IMO) + UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) Consideration of issues relevant to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) by the IMO Sub-Committee on Bulk, Liquids and Gases at its thirteenth session (BLG 13)

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.12 (IPIECA) Comments on -2009/4

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.15 (EC) Implementation of the GHS in the EU

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.17 (Brazil) Status of implementation of the GHS in Brazil

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

(b) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.19, paras. 8-15 (Secretariat) Work of the Sub-Committee of experts on the TDG on its 35th session: Further alignment of the corrosivity criteria for transport of dangerous goods with the GHS

International organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of recent developments in their field regarding the GHS.

(c) Miscellaneous

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

7. CAPACITY BUILDING

UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.6 (UNITAR) Activities of the UNITAR/ILO Global GHS Capacity Building Programme and UNITAR/ILO/OECD WSSD GHS Partnership

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2009/3 (France) +
UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.11 (Australia) | Information about ongoing work on safety of nanomaterials |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.8 (Secretariat) | Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the
Committee of experts on the TDG and on the GHS |
| UN/SCEGHS/17/INF.18 (RCMASA) | Information about the International transport and
environmental conference in Durban (March 09) |

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its seventeenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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