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## COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

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

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### Comments on -2009/10

#### Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

It is proposed to amend the text proposed in paragraph 4 of document -2009/10 as follows (changes are indicated):

“This page contains links to third-party web sites which are provided as ~~a convenience~~additional information on GHS. The third-parties in question have informed the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals that they had developed guidance for the application of the GHS in their own sectors. ~~At its 17th session, the Sub-Committee reiterated its view that the ownership of any sector specific guidance developed by the industry for the application of the GHS criteria belonged to the authors, who should remain responsible for its contents. Most experts suggested that providing a link from the GHS web pages on the UNECE secretariat website to an industry public website containing the guidance would be the best option to make it available worldwide. However, it was made clear that this~~ does ~~would~~ not imply any endorsement of ~~industry’s third party’s~~ guidance by the Sub-Committee. The third-party remains responsible for the contents of their guidance (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/34, paras.37 and 38). The Sub-Committee reminds the user of this webpage that ~~Attention is drawn also to paragraph 1.1.3.1.1 of the GHS, whereby~~ “Competent authorities will decide how to apply the various elements of the GHS based on the needs of the competent authority and the target audience.”

Refer also to the “Terms and conditions of use of the United Nations web sites.”.

The text would read:

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