



**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****Nineteenth session**

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Hazard communication issues**Terms of reference for the revision of Annex 4 "Guidance on
the preparation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS)"****Transmitted by the expert from Germany*****Background**

1. During its last session the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals agreed that the physical and chemical properties required in Section 9 of Annex 4 of GHS should be consistent with those relevant to the classification criteria applicable to each of the hazards defined in the GHS. The expert from Germany took over the task of drafting terms of reference for the work of the correspondence group and agreed to submit them for the Sub-Committee's consideration at its nineteenth session.

Proposal

2. This document proposes the following terms of reference for an informal correspondence group on the revision of Section 9 of Annex 4 of the GHS. The Sub-Committee is asked to agree to the proposed terms of reference:

* In accordance with the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its eighteenth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/36, para. 26).

- Scope: Physical and chemical properties in the SDS.
- Task: Revision of Section 9 of Annex 4 of the GHS.
- Course of action: All delegations that are interested in participating in the correspondence group and want to contribute to the revision are asked to express their interest either during the meeting or by e-mail. The expert from Germany will produce a first draft that is supposed to serve as starter of the work and will send it to the respective experts. The correspondence group is supposed to work mainly by e-mail and may meet as a lunchtime informal working group during the Sub-Committee's meetings.
- Schedule: Since in this biennium only one further meeting (in December 2010) is left, the work will most likely continue during the next biennium. A proposal for the revision of Section 9 of Annex 4 of the GHS is to be presented at the latest in December 2012.
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