

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

List of documents under agenda item

Note by the secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/53	Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/53/Add.1	List of documents and annotations
INF.1	List of documents
INF.2	List of documents under agenda item
INF.7	Provisional timetable for the 27 th session and calendar of meetings of the informal working groups

Background documents (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.5	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), fifth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.18	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, eighteenth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5 and Amend.1 and 2	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, fifth revised edition and amendments 1 and 2
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-fifth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-sixth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86	Report of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its forty-third session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/88	Report of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its forty-fourth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/CRP.1 and -adds 1 to 13	Draft report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the TDG on its 45th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/CRP.2 and -adds. 1 to 4	

2. Vice-Chairmanship of the Sub-Committee for 2014¹

The Sub-Committee may wish to elect a new Vice-Chair for 2014 (twenty-seventh and twenty-eight sessions). Elections for the bureau for the period 2015–2016 will be held at the twenty-eight session.

3. Classification criteria and related hazard communication

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

(i) Physical hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/2 (Germany)	Implementation of a new Chapter 2.17 “Desensitized Explosives” in the GHS and implementation of “Classification procedures, test methods and criteria relating to the class of desensitized explosives” in a new Part V of the Manual of Tests and Criteria
+ INF.22, para. 2.1 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/4 (France)	Use of cellulose in Test O.2 (Test for oxidizing liquids) and Test O.3 (Test for oxidizing solids)
+ INF.22, para. 2.2 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/11 (IME, SAAMI)	Correction to Figure 2.1.3: Procedure for assignment to a division in the class of explosives
+ INF.22, para. 2.3 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee
INF.22, paras 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee : - Definition of Division 1.6 articles in Chapter 2.1 of the GHS - Criteria for water-reactivity - Classification of polymerizing substances

(ii) Other relevant issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/8 + Informal document INF.5 and –Adds1 to 5 (Secretariat)	Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS
+ INF.22, para. 2.7 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee
INF.14 (Japan)	Programme of work 2015-2016: Evaluation of classification criteria and flammability categories for certain refrigerants
+ INF.22, para. 2.8 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

¹ Refer to the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, paras. 52–53)

INF.20 (Australia)	Proposal for review of Chapter 2.1 (Explosives) in the GHS
INF.22, paras 1.2 to 1.4 and 3.1 and 3.2	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee : Work on explosives and related matters and other classification and hazard communication issues

(b) Practical classification issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/10 (United States of America)	Proposals to address issues from the programme of work for the practical classification issues correspondence group
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(c) Work of the TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/3 (Netherlands) + INF.3 and –Add.1	Work of the joint TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria
INF.9 (Netherlands)	Proposal for revision of Chapter 2.8 of Model regulations based on the work of the joint TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria
INF.10 (UK)	Agenda for the meeting of the joint TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria
INF.18 (FEA)	Input for the work of the intersessional joint working group on corrosivity criteria
INF.19 (Spain)	Comments on corrosivity criteria proposal on concentration thresholds
INF.21 (Netherlands)	Report on discussion on corrosivity criteria of the TDG Sub-Committee
INF.22, para. 2.9 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

(d) Dust explosion hazards

INF.6 (CEFIC)	Dust explosion hazards
INF.17 (USA)	Dust explosion hazards: status report
INF.22, para. 2.10 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45 th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

(e) Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, para.21)

(f) Nanomaterials

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/9 (France) Review the applicability of GHS to nanomaterials

(g) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/5 (USA)
+ INF.4
+ INF.11 Proposal to include pyrophoric gas as a hazard category in the flammable gases hazard class of the GHS

+ INF.22, para. 2.7 (Secretariat) Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45th session on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

INF.13 (IPPIC) Proposal for additional guidance in Chapter 3.2 skin corrosion/irritation

4. Hazard communication issues**(a) Revision of section 9 of Annex 4**

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/1 (Germany) Revision of section 9 of the Safety Data Sheet

(b) Labelling of small packagings

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/6 (CEFIC) Labelling of small packagings
+ INF.16

(c) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group on the improvement of annexes 1 to 3 since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, paras.34-36).

(d) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/7 (FEA, CSPA, IPPIC, AISE) Minor variations in hazard and precautionary statements

INF.12 (DGAC) Large pictograms on portable tanks and MEGCs while in transport

5. Implementation of the GHS

(a) Development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

INF.15 (USA) Assessing the potential development of a global list of classified chemicals

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

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

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

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

(d) Miscellaneous

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

6. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

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

7. Capacity building

INF.8 (UNITAR) Activities of the UNITAR/ILO Global GHS Capacity building programme and UNITAR/ILO/OECD WSSD GHS partnership

8. Other business

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

9. Adoption of the report

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