

## 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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**Programme of work for the biennium 2017-2018**

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### **Programme of work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

At its thirty-second session, the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals adopted the following programme of work for 2017-2018.

#### **1. Classification criteria and related hazard communication, including:**

- (a) Review of Chapter 2.1 (Explosives) in the GHS  
Lead country: Sweden  
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (b) Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS  
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.19 (28th session)
- (c) Criteria for water-reactivity  
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee  
Mandate/Terms of reference: ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/40 (Annex II).
- (d) Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids  
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee  
Lead country: France  
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).
- (e) Stability tests for industrial nitrocellulose  
Lead country: Germany  
Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee  
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

- (f) Dust explosion hazards  
Lead country: United States of America  
Mandate/Terms of reference: [INF.26] (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])
- (g) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards  
Lead countries: Netherlands and United Kingdom  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27/Rev.2 (31st session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 31st session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/62 paragraph 26)
- (h) Practical classification issues  
Focal point: Informal working group on practical classification issues  
Lead country: United States of America  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.39 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])
- (i) Aspiration hazard  
Lead organization: IMO and IPPIC  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.33 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])
- (j) Nanomaterials  
Take into account the progress of international scientific work to review the applicability of the GHS to manufactured nanomaterials, if necessary.  
Lead country: France  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])

## **2. Hazard communication issues, including:**

- (a) Labelling of small packagings  
Lead organization: CEFIC  
Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])
- (b) Improvement of Annexes 1-3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements  
Lead country: United Kingdom  
Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.27/Rev.1 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])

- (c) Review of A4.3.3.2.3

Lead organization: CEFIC

Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])

### **3. Implementation issues, including**

- (a) Assessing the possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

Lead country: United States of America

Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.40 (32nd session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...])

- (b) Facilitate the coordinated implementation of the GHS in countries and monitor the status of implementation of the GHS
- (c) Cooperate with other bodies or international organizations responsible for the administration of international agreements and conventions dealing with the management of chemicals so as to give effect to the GHS through such instruments

### **4. Guidance on the application of the GHS criteria, including**

- (a) Development of examples illustrating application of criteria and any related hazard communication issues, as needed

Focal point: Informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

Lead country: United States of America

Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.39 (32nd session) and paragraphs [...] of the present report.

- (b) Alignment of guidance in Annex 9 (section A9.7) and Annex 10 of the GHS with the criteria in Chapter 4.1

Lead organization: ICMM

Mandate/Terms of reference: INF.25 (24th session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its 32nd session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraphs [...]).

### **5. Capacity building**

- (a) Review reports on training and capacity-building activities;
- (b) Provide assistance to United Nations programmes and specialized agencies involved in training and capacity-building activities, such as UNITAR, ILO, FAO and WHO/IPCS through the development of guidance materials, advice with respect to their training programmes and identification of available expertise and resources.