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Classification criteria and related hazard communication:
Practical classification issues

Update on the work of the informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

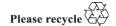
Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America on behalf of the informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

Background

- 1. The Practical Classification Issues (PCI) informal correspondence group held a working group meeting surrounding the plenary session on 5 July 2016. Based on discussions during this meeting, the PCI is proposing in the annex of this document an additional editorial amendment to item (g) of working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2016/9.
- 2. In addition, with respect to the editorial changes to the health hazard definitions as proposed in item (a) of working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2016/9, the PCI group has provided proposed conforming changes to the definitions in GHS Chapter 1.2.

Next steps

3. Pending feedback from this document, the PCI group plans to submit a working paper for the 32nd session for consideration by the Sub-Committee.



Annex

Proposed amendments to Chapter 3.1

In Table 3.1.1 amend the value for the oral and dermal rows in the Category 5 column from "5000" to read "2000 < ATE \le 5000".

Proposed amendments to Chapter 1.2

Delete the definitions of the following terms from Chapter 1.2:

- · Skin corrosion
- · Skin irritation
- · Serious eye damage
- Eye irritation
- · Dermal corrosion
- · Dermal irritation

Modify the definitions for "respiratory sensitizer" and "skin sensitizer" as follows (*new text is underlined*):

"Respiratory sensitizer means a substance or mixture that induces hypersensitivity of the airways following inhalation of the substance or mixture."

"Skin sensitizer means a substance <u>or mixture</u> that will induce an allergic response following skin contact."

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