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Programme of work for the biennium 2019-2020

Suggested Terms of Reference and Programme of Work for the review of GHS Chapter 2.1 for the UN biennium 2019-2020

Terms of Reference

Transmitted by the expert from Sweden

Propose a new classification system and associated hazard communication elements, including Precautionary statements, to replace current GHS Chapter 2.1 (Explosives). The new system should adhere to the following:

- The system should be able to classify Explosives in all GHS sectors, in particular both in and out of the transport packaging/configuration.
- The hazard communication should reflect the hazard for all sectors of the GHS, taking into account that the transport sector has its own hazard communication system.
- No changes to the UN Model Regulations are to be proposed, except amendments to the Manual to take the new system into account.
- The system should retain the Divisions used in the transport sector for consistency with the UN Model Regulations and other sectors where these are used, such as storage.
- No new mandatory testing requirements are to be introduced.
- The overall scope of current Chapter 2.1 of the GHS is to be retained.

It is recognized that the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods is the focal point for GHS physical hazards, and the work on the technical criteria for the system should be done in close cooperation with its Working Group on Explosives.

Programme of Work 2019-2020

Item	Task
1	Finalise the criteria for the new system
2	Assign appropriate hazard communication elements and Precautionary statements
3	Draft a new GHS Chapter 2.1 and review the Manual for associated amendments needed
4	Propose a new Chapter 2.1 for inclusion in the 9:th revised edition of the GHS, and the associated changes to the Manual

