

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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Note by the secretariat

1. Classification criteria and related hazard communication, including:

- (a) Review of Chapter 2.1 (Explosives) of the GHS

Lead country: Sweden

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.43/Rev.1 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph XXXX)

- (b) Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids

Lead country: France

Focal point: TDG Sub-Committee

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.22 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph...)

- (c) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards

Lead countries: Netherlands and United Kingdom

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.27/Rev.1 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)

- (d) Practical classification issues

Lead country: United States of America

Focal point: Informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.38/Rev.1 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)

- (e) Aspiration hazard

Lead organizations: IMO and IPPIC

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.33 (thirty-second session), report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraph 67) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)

- (f) Nanomaterials

Lead country: France

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.27 (thirty-second session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraph 32) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)

- (g) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

Lead country: Germany

Mandate/Terms of reference: ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/21, as amended and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)]

2. Hazard communication issues, including:

- [(a) Practical labelling issues

Lead organization: CEFIC

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.47 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)].

- (b) Improvement of Annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

Lead country: United Kingdom

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.25 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph [...])

- [(c) Review of Annex 4, sub-section A4.3.3.2.3

Lead organization: CEFIC

Mandate/Terms of reference: report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraph 48)]

3. Implementation issues, including:

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

Lead country: Canada and United States of America

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.40 (thirty-second session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraph 53).

- (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 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

Lead country: United States of America

Focal point: Informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

Mandate/Terms of reference: informal document INF.38/Rev.1 (thirty-sixth session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, paragraph ...)

- [(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: informal document INF.25 (24th session) and report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64, paragraph 66).]

5. Capacity building, including:

- (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