

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

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

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Thirty-eighth session

Geneva, 11-13 December 2019

Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

Hazard communication:

**improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further
rationalisation of precautionary statements**

Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

**Transmitted by the expert from United Kingdom on behalf of the
informal working group**

Introduction

1. This informal paper provides an update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of Annexes 1-3 since the 37th session of the Sub-Committee.

Background

2. The Sub-Committee agreed the group's programme of work for the 2019-2020 biennium (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72; informal document INF.25 (36th session)).

3. At the thirty-seventh session of the Sub-Committee, updates on the progress of the working group were provided in informal document INF.23 (37th session) and in oral feedback from the informal working group meeting held on 8 July 2019. The Sub-Committee adopted the working groups proposals on changes to the presentation of flammable gas categories and sub-categories in Annex 3. However, as the working group had agreed on the 8 July to make a small number of minor changes and to provide the formal Annex 1 proposals to the TDG Sub-Committee for information before providing these to the GHS Sub-Committee for consideration. Hence, the proposed changes to Annex 1 were provided for information purposes only at the 38th session.

Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, the working group has actively taken forward, via correspondence, several items on its work programme. The outcomes include the following working and informal documents submitted by the United Kingdom on behalf of the working group, for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its 38th session in December 2019:

- ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/67–ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/12 - 'Proposed changes to Annex 1 of the GHS';

- ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-15 - ‘Corrections and amendments to Annex 3, sections 2 and 3’.
 - Informal document INF.23 (38th session) – “Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group”.
5. The informal working group is currently progressing several other issues from their work plan including: hand-eye contact (work item 3); and reviewing combination statements in Annex 3 (work item 4).
6. The working group will meet during the thirty-eighth session of the Sub-Committee to further discuss items on its work plan. The meeting is scheduled from 12:45 to 14:15 on Thursday 12 December 2019, and the Sub-Committee will receive an oral update in the 38th session.

Draft Agenda for the Revision of Annex 1-3 informal working group meeting

12th December 2019 (12:45 to 14:15; Room S4)

- 1. Welcome to participants**
 - 2. Review and adoption of the agenda**
 - 3. Brief consideration of documents tabled for discussion by the Sub-committee at GHS 38**
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/67–ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/12 - ‘Proposed changes to Annex 1 of the GHS’;
 - ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-15 - ‘Corrections and amendments to Annex 3, sections 2 and 3’.
 - Informal document INF.XX (38th session) – “Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group”
 - 4. Thought starter on hand-eye contact**
 - 5. Any other business**
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