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A4.1 Introduction

A4.1.1 This annex provides guidance on the preparation of an SDS under the requirements of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). SDS's are an important element of hazard communication in the GHS, as explained in Chapter 1.5. Use of this guidance document should support compliance with competent authority (CA) requirements and should allow the SDS to be prepared in accordance with the GHS.

A4.1.2 The use of this guidance document is dependent on importing countries requirements for SDS. It is hoped that the application of the GHS worldwide will eventually lead to a fully harmonized situation.

A4.1.3 Unless otherwise stated, all chapters, sections and tables referred to in this annex can be found in the main text of the GHS.

A4.2 General guidance for compiling an SDS

A4.2.1 *Scope and application*

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) should be produced for all substances and mixtures which meet the harmonized criteria for physical, health or environmental hazards under the GHS and for all mixtures which contain ingredients that meet the criteria for carcinogenic, toxic to reproduction or target organ toxicity in concentrations exceeding the cut-off limits for SDS specified by the criteria for mixtures (see Table 1.5.1 in Chapter 1.5). The competent authority (CA) may also require SDS for mixtures not meeting the criteria for classification as hazardous but which contain hazardous ingredients in certain concentrations (see Chapter 3.2). The CA may also require SDS for substances or mixtures that meet the criteria for classification as hazardous for non-GHS classes/end-points. An SDS is a well-accepted and effective method for the provision of information, and may be used to convey information for substances or mixtures that do not meet or are not included in the GHS classification criteria.

A4.2.2 *General guidance*

A4.2.2.1 The writer of the SDS needs to keep in mind that an SDS must inform its audience of the hazards of a substance or a mixture and provide information on the safe storage, handling and disposal of the substance or a mixture. An SDS contains information on the potential health effects of exposure and how to work safely with the substance or mixture. It also contains hazard information derived from physicochemical properties or environmental effects, on the use, storage, handling and emergency response measures related to that substance or mixture. The purpose of this guidance is to ensure consistency and accuracy in the content of each of the mandatory headings required under GHS, so that the resulting safety data sheets will enable users to take the necessary measures relating to protection of health and safety at the workplace, and the protection of the environment. The information in the SDS shall be written in a clear and concise manner. The SDS shall be prepared by a competent person who shall take into account the specific needs of the user audience, as far as it is known. Persons placing substances and mixtures on the market shall ensure that refresher courses and training on the preparation of SDS be regularly attended by the competent persons.

A4.2.2.2 When writing the SDS, information should be presented in a consistent and complete form, with the workplace audience firmly in mind. However, it should be considered that all or part of the SDS can be used to inform workers, employers, health and safety professionals, emergency personnel, relevant government agencies, as well as members of the community.

A4.2.2.3 Language used in the SDS should be simple, clear and precise, avoiding jargon, acronyms and abbreviations. Vague and misleading expressions should not be used. Phrases such as "may be dangerous", "no health effects", "safe under most conditions of use", or "harmless" are also not recommended. It may be that information on certain properties is of no significance or that it is technically impossible to provide; if so, the reasons for this must be clearly stated under each heading. If it is stated that a particular hazard does not exist, the safety data sheet should clearly differentiate between cases where no information is available to the classifier, and cases where negative test results are available.

A4.2.2.4 The date of issue of the SDS should be stated and be very apparent. The date of issue is the date the SDS version was made public. This generally occurs shortly after the SDS authoring and publishing process is completed. Revised SDS's should clearly state the date of issue as well as a version number, revision number, supersedes date or some other indication of what version is replaced.

A4.2.3 *SDS format*

A4.2.3.1 The information in the SDS should be presented using the following 16 headings in the order given below (see also 1.5.3.2.1):

1. Identification;
2. Hazard identification;
3. Composition/information on ingredients;
4. First-aid measures;
5. Fire-fighting measures;
6. Accidental release measures;
7. Handling and storage;
8. Exposure controls/personal protection;
9. Physical and chemical properties;
10. Stability and reactivity;
11. Toxicological information;
12. Ecological information;
13. Disposal considerations;
14. Transport information;
15. Regulatory information;
16. Other information

A4.2.3.2 An SDS is not a fixed length document. The length of the SDS should be commensurate with the hazard of the material and the information available.

A4.2.3.3 All pages of an SDS should be numbered and some indication of the end of the SDS should be given (for example: "page 1 of 3"). Alternatively, number each page and indicate whether there is a page following (e.g. "Continued on next page" or "End of SDS").

A4.2.4 *SDS content*

A4.2.4.1 General information on SDS content can be found in 1.5.3.3. More practical information is given below.

A4.2.4.2 The minimum information outlined in section A4.3 of this annex should be included on the SDS, where applicable and available¹ under the relevant headings. When information is not available or lacking this should be clearly stated. The SDS should not contain any blanks.

A4.2.4.3 In addition, the SDS should contain a brief summary/conclusion of the data given, making it easy even for non-experts in the field to identify all the hazards for the hazardous substance/mixture.

A4.2.4.4 Use of abbreviations is not recommended because they may lead to confusion or decreased understanding.

A4.2.5 *Other information requirements*

A4.2.5.1 There are information requirements for the preparation of an SDS. The minimum information requirements are outlined in A4.3.

A4.2.5.2 In addition to the minimum information requirements (see A4.2.4.2), the SDS may also contain "additional information". Where a material has additional relevant and available information about its nature and/or use, that information should be included in the SDS (see A4.3.16 for further advice on additional information requirements).

¹ Where "applicable" means where the information is applicable to the specific product covered by the SDS. Where "available" means where the information is available to the supplier or other entity that is preparing the SDS.

A4.2.6 *Units*

Numbers and quantities should be expressed in units appropriate to the region into which the product is being supplied. In general, the International System of Units (SI) should be used.

A4.3 *Information requirements for the preparation of the SDS*

This section describes the GHS information requirements for SDS's. Additional information may be required by competent authorities.

A4.3.1 *SECTION 1: Identification*

Identify the substance or mixture and provide the name of the supplier, recommended uses and the contact detail information of the supplier including an emergency contact in this section.

A4.3.1.1 *GHS Product identifier*

The identity of the substance or mixture (GHS product identifier) should be exactly as found on the label. If one generic SDS is used to cover several minor variants of a substance or mixture, all names and variants should be listed on the SDS or the SDS should clearly delineate the range of substances included.

A4.3.1.2 *Other means of identification*

In addition, or as an alternative, to the GHS product identifier, the substance or mixture may be identified by alternative names, numbers, company product codes, or other unique identifiers. Provide other names or synonyms by which the substance or mixture is labelled or commonly known, if applicable.

A4.3.1.3 *Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use*

Provide the recommended or intended use of the substance or mixture, including a brief description of what it actually does, e.g. flame retardant, anti-oxidant, etc. Restrictions on use should, as far as possible, be stated including non-statutory recommendations by the supplier.

A4.3.1.4 *Supplier's details*

The name, full address and phone number(s) of the supplier should be included on the SDS.

A4.3.1.5 *Emergency phone number*

References to emergency information services should be included in all SDS. If any restrictions apply, such as hours of operation (e.g. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., or 24 hours) or limits on specific types of information (e.g., medical emergencies, or transportation emergencies), this should be clearly stated.

A4.3.2 *SECTION 2: Hazard identification*

This section describes the hazards of the substance or mixture and the appropriate warning information (signal word, hazard statement(s) and precautionary statement(s)) associated with those hazards. The section should include a brief summary/conclusion of the data given as described in A4.2.4.3.

A4.3.2.1 *Classification of the substance or mixture*

A4.3.2.1.1 This sub-section indicates the hazard classification of the substance or mixture.

A4.3.2.1.2 If the substance or mixture is classified in accordance with Parts 2, 3 and/or 4 of the GHS, generally the classification is communicated by providing the appropriate hazard class and category/subcategory to indicate the hazard (for example, flammable liquid Category 1 and skin corrosive, Category 1A). However, when classification is differentiated within a hazard class and results in unique hazard statements, then the classification should also reflect that differentiation. For example, the route of exposure differentiates the acute toxicity classification as follows: acute oral toxicity Category 1, acute dermal toxicity Category 1 and acute inhalation toxicity Category 1. If a substance or mixture is classified into more than one category in a hazard class that is differentiated, then all classifications should be communicated.

A4.3.2.2 *GHS label elements, including precautionary statements*

A4.3.2.2.1 Based on the classification, provide the appropriate label elements: signal word(s), hazard statement(s) and precautionary statement(s).

A4.3.2.2.2 Pictograms (or hazard symbols) may be provided as a graphical reproduction of the symbols in black and white or the name of the symbol, e.g. “flame”, “skull and crossbones”.

A4.3.2.3 *Other hazards which do not result in classification*

Provide information on other hazards which do not result in classification but may contribute to the overall hazards of the material, for example, formation of air contaminants during hardening or processing, dust explosion hazards, suffocation, freezing or environmental effects such as hazards to soil-dwelling organisms. The statement “May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed” is appropriate in the case of a dust explosion hazard.

A4.3.3 **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

Identify the ingredient(s) of the product in this section. This includes identifying impurities and stabilizing additives which are themselves classified and which contribute to the classification of the substance. This section may also be used to provide information on complex substances.

NOTE: *For information on ingredients, the competent authority rules for Confidential Business Information (CBI) take priority over the rules for product identification. When applicable, indicate that confidential information about the composition was omitted.*

A4.3.3.1 *Substances*

A4.3.3.1.1 Chemical identity of the substance

The identity of a substance is provided by its common chemical name. The chemical name can be identical to the GHS product identifier.

NOTE: *The “common chemical name” may, for example, be the CAS name or IUPAC name, as applicable.*

A4.3.3.1.2 Common name(s), synonym(s) of the substance

Common names and synonyms should be provided where appropriate.

A4.3.3.1.3 CAS number and other unique identifiers for the substance

The Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number provides a unique chemical identification and should be provided when available. Other unique identifiers specific to a country or region, such as the European Community (EC) number could be added.

A4.3.3.1.4 Impurities and stabilizing additives which are themselves classified and which contribute to the classification of the substance

Identify any impurities and/or stabilizing additives, which are themselves classified and which contribute to the classification of the substance.

A4.3.3.2 *Mixtures*

A4.3.3.2.1 For a mixture, provide the chemical identity, identification number (within the meaning of A4.3.3.1.3) and concentration or concentration ranges of all hazardous ingredients, which are hazardous to health or the environment within the meaning of the GHS, and are present above their cut-off levels. Manufacturers or suppliers may choose to list all ingredients, including non-hazardous ingredients.

- A4.3.3.2.2 The concentrations of the ingredients of a mixture should be described as:
- (a) exact percentages in descending order by mass or volume; or
 - (b) ranges of percentages in descending order by mass or volume if such ranges are acceptable to the appropriate competent national authority.

A4.3.3.2.3 When using a proportion range, the health and environmental hazard effects should describe the effects of the highest concentration of each ingredient, provided that the effects of the mixture as a whole are not available.

NOTE: The “proportion range” refers to the concentration or percentage range of the ingredient in the mixture.

A4.3.4 SECTION 4: First-aid measures

This section describes the initial care that can be given by an untrained responder without the use of sophisticated equipment and without a wide selection of medications available. If medical attention is required, the instructions should state this, including its urgency. It may be useful to provide information on the immediate effects, by route of exposure, and indicate the immediate treatment, followed by possible delayed effects with specific medical surveillance required.

A4.3.4.1 *Description of necessary first-aid measures*

A4.3.4.1.1 Provide first-aid instructions by relevant routes of exposure. Use sub-headings to indicate the procedure for each route (e.g. inhalation, skin, eye and ingestion). Describe expected immediate and delayed symptoms.

A4.3.4.1.2 Provide advice whether:

- (a) immediate medical attention is required and if delayed effects can be expected after exposure;
- (b) movement of the exposed individual from the area to fresh air is recommended;
- (c) removal and handling of clothing and shoes from the individual is recommended; and
- (d) personal protective equipment (PPE) for first-aid responders is recommended.

A4.3.4.2 *Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed*

Provide information on the most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed, from exposure.

A4.3.4.3 *Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary*

Where appropriate, provide information on clinical testing and medical monitoring for delayed effects, specific details on antidotes (where they are known) and contraindications.

A4.3.5 SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

This section covers the requirements for fighting a fire caused by the substance or mixture, or arising in its vicinity.

A4.3.5.1 *Suitable extinguishing media*

Provide information on the appropriate extinguishing media. In addition, indicate whether any extinguishing media are inappropriate for a particular situation involving the substance or mixture (e.g. avoid high pressure media which could cause the formation of a potentially explosible dust-air mixture).

A4.3.5.2 *Specific hazards arising from the chemical*

Provide advice on specific hazards that may arise from the chemical, such as hazardous combustion products that form when the substance or mixture burns. For example:

- (a) “may produce toxic fumes of carbon monoxide if burning”; or
- (b) “produces oxides of sulphur and nitrogen on combustion”.

A4.3.5.3 *Special protective actions for fire-fighters*

A4.3.5.3.1 Provide advice on any protective actions to be taken during fire fighting. For example, “keep containers cool with water spray”.

A4.3.6 **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

This section recommends the appropriate response to spills, leaks, or releases in order to prevent or minimize the adverse effects on persons, property and the environment in this section. Distinguish between responses for large and small spills where the spill volume has a significant impact on the hazard. The procedures for containment and recovery may indicate that different practices are required.

A4.3.6.1 *Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures*

A4.3.6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel

Provide advice related to accidental spills and release of the substance or mixture such as:

- (a) the wearing of suitable protective equipment (including personal protective equipment, see Section 8 of the SDS) to prevent any contamination of skin, eyes and personal clothing;
- (b) removal of ignition sources and provision of sufficient ventilation; and
- (c) emergency procedures such as the necessity to evacuate the danger area or to consult an expert.

A4.3.6.1.2 For emergency responders

Provide advice related to suitable fabric for personal protective clothing (e.g.: “appropriate: Butylene; not appropriate: PVC).

A4.3.6.2 *Environmental precautions*

Provide advice on any environmental precautions related to accidental spills and release of the substance or mixture, such as keeping away from drains, surface and ground water.

A4.3.6.3 *Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up*

A4.3.6.3.1 Provide appropriate advice on how to contain and clean up a spill. Appropriate containment techniques may include:

- (a) bunding², covering of drains; and
- (b) capping procedures³.

² A **bund** is a provision of liquid collection facilities which, in the event of any leak or spillage from tanks or pipe work, will capture well in excess of the volume of liquids held, e.g. an embankment. Bunded areas should drain to a capture tank which should have facilities for water/oil separation.

³ i.e. providing a cover or protection (e.g. to prevent damage or spillage).

A4.3.6.3.2 Appropriate clean up procedures may include:

- (a) neutralization techniques;
- (b) decontamination techniques;
- (c) adsorbent materials;
- (d) cleaning techniques;
- (e) vacuuming techniques; and
- (f) equipment required for containment/clean up (include the use of non-sparking tools and equipment where applicable).

A4.3.6.3.3 Provide any other issues relating to spills and releases. For example, including advice on inappropriate containment or clean up techniques.

A4.3.7 ***SECTION 7: Handling and storage***

This section provides guidance on safe handling practices that minimize the potential hazards to people, property and the environment from the substance or mixture. Emphasize precautions that are appropriate to the intended use and to the unique properties of the substance or mixture.

A4.3.7.1 *Precautions for safe handling*

A4.3.7.1.1 Provide advice that:

- (a) allows safe handling of the substance or mixture;
- (b) prevents handling of incompatible substances or mixtures;
- (c) draws attention to operations and conditions which create new risks by altering the properties of the substance or mixture, and to appropriate countermeasures; and
- (d) minimizes the release of the substance or mixture to the environment.

A4.3.7.1.2 It is good practice to provide advice on general hygiene. For example:

- (a) “eating, drinking and smoking in work areas is prohibited”;
- (b) “wash hands after use”; and
- (c) “remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas”.

A4.3.7.2 *Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities*

Ensure that the advice provided is consistent with the physical and chemical properties in Section 9 (Physical and chemical properties) of the SDS. If relevant, provide advice on specific storage requirements including:

- (a) How to avoid:
 - (i) explosive atmospheres;
 - (ii) corrosive conditions;
 - (iii) flammability hazards;
 - (iv) incompatible substances or mixtures;

- (v) evaporative conditions; and
 - (vi) potential ignition sources (including electrical equipment).
- (b) How to control the effects of:
- (i) weather conditions;
 - (ii) ambient pressure;
 - (iii) temperature;
 - (iv) sunlight;
 - (v) humidity; and
 - (vi) vibration.
- (c) How to maintain the integrity of the substance or mixture by the use of:
- (i) stabilizers; and
 - (ii) anti-oxidants.
- (d) Other advice including:
- (i) ventilation requirements;
 - (ii) specific designs for storage rooms/vessels;
 - (iii) quantity limits under storage conditions (if relevant); and
 - (iv) packaging compatibilities.

A4.3.8 ***SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection***

Within this guidance the term “occupational exposure limit(s)” refers to limits in the air of the workplace or biological limit values. In addition, for the purposes of this document “exposure control” means the full range of specific protection and prevention measures to be taken during use in order to minimize worker and environmental exposure. Engineering control measures that are needed to minimize exposure to, and risks associated with the hazards of, the substance or mixture should be included in this section.

A4.3.8.1 *Control parameters*

A4.3.8.1.1 Where available, list the occupational exposure limits (limits in the air of the workplace or biological limit values), including notations, for a substance and for each of the ingredients of a mixture. If air contaminants are formed when using the substance or mixture as intended available occupational exposure limits for these should also be listed. If an occupational exposure limit exists for the country or region in which the SDS is being supplied, this should be listed. The source of the occupational exposure limit should be stated on the SDS. When listing occupational exposure limits, use the chemical identity as specified in section 3 (Composition/Information on ingredients) of the SDS.

A4.3.8.1.2 Where available, list the biological limit values, including notations, for a substance and for each of the ingredients of a mixture. Where possible, the biological limit value should be relevant to the countries or regions in which the SDS is being supplied. The source of the biological limit value should be stated on the SDS. When listing biological limit values, use the chemical identity as specified in section 3 of the SDS.

A4.3.8.1.3 Where a control banding approach is recommended for providing protection in relation to specific uses then sufficient detail should be given to enable effective management of the risk. The context and limitations of the specific control banding recommendation should be made clear.

A4.3.8.2 *Appropriate engineering controls*

The description of appropriate exposure control measures should relate to the intended modes of use of the substance or mixture. Sufficient information should be provided to enable a proper risk assessment to be carried out. Indicate when special engineering controls are necessary, and specify which type. Examples include:

- (a) “maintain air concentrations below occupational exposure standards”, using engineering controls if necessary;
- (b) “use local exhaust ventilation when...”;
- (c) “use only in an enclosed system”;
- (d) “use only in spray paint booth or enclosure”;
- (e) “use mechanical handling to reduce human contact with materials”; or
- (f) “use explosive dust handling controls”.

The information provided here should complement that provided under section 7 (Handling and storage) of the SDS.

A4.3.8.3 *Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)*

A4.3.8.3.1 Consistent with good occupational hygiene practices, personal protective equipment (PPE) should be used in conjunction with other control measures, including engineering controls, ventilation and isolation. See also section 5 (Fire- fighting measures) of the SDS for specific fire/chemical PPE advice.

A4.3.8.3.2 Identify the PPE needed to minimize the potential for illness or injury due to exposure from the substance or mixture, including:

- (a) Eye/face protection: specify the type of eye protection and/or face shield required, based on the hazard of the substance or mixture and potential for contact;
- (b) Skin protection: specify the protective equipment to be worn (e.g. type of gloves, boots, bodysuit) based on the hazards associated with the substance or mixture and the potential for contact;
- (c) Respiratory protection: specify appropriate types of respiratory protection based on the hazard and potential for exposure, including air-purifying respirators and the proper purifying element (cartridge or canister) or breathing apparatus; and
- (d) Thermal hazards: when specifying protective equipment to be worn for materials that represent a thermal hazard, special consideration should be given to the construction of the PPE.

A4.3.8.3.3 Special requirements may exist for gloves or other protective clothing to prevent skin, eye or lung exposure. Where relevant, this type of PPE should be clearly stated. For example, “PVC gloves” or “nitrile rubber gloves”, and thickness and breakthrough time of the glove material. Special requirements may exist for respirators.

A4.3.9 ***SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics***

A4.3.9.1 This section of Annex 4 provides guidance for SDS preparers and is provided for information purposes. This guidance does not prescribe how this information should be presented on the SDS. The guidance is divided into three tables as described below.

A4.3.9.2 Table A4.3.9.1 provides guidance on the physical and chemical properties specified by Chapter 1.5, Table 1.5.2. The SDS preparer should clearly describe/identify the physical and chemical properties specified in Table 1.5.2. In cases where the specific physical and chemical properties required by Table 1.5.2 do not apply or are not available under a particular subheading, this should be clearly indicated.

A4.3.9.3 Table A4.3.9.2 lists properties/safety characteristics and test results that are not required on the SDS but may be useful to communicate when a substance or mixture is classified in the respective physical hazard class.

Data which is deemed relevant with regard to a specific physical hazard but not resulting in classification (e.g. negative test results close to the criterion) may also be useful to communicate.

A4.3.9.4 Table A4.3.9.3 lists further properties/safety characteristics and test results that are not required on the SDS but may be useful to communicate for a substance or mixture. Other physical properties/safety characteristics of the substance or mixture not identified in this table may also be useful to communicate.

NOTE: *The properties in tables A4.3.9.1, A4.3.9.2 and A4.3.9.3 may be presented with or without any division (that is, as a list). Also the order of the properties may be adjusted if deemed appropriate.*

A4.3.9.5 Generally, the information given in this section of the SDS should relate to standard conditions for temperature and pressure (temperature of 20 °C and absolute pressure of 101.3 kPa). If other conditions apply, these should be indicated together with the respective property.

A4.3.9.6 Data on the SDS should be provided in appropriate units. Where the data relate to a hazard class, the units of measure should be as specified in the criteria for that hazard class.

A4.3.9.7 If relevant for the interpretation of the information or numeric value given, indicate the determination method (e.g., open-cup/closed-cup for flash point) or state whether the value was calculated.

A4.3.9.8 In the case of a mixture, where valid data is available for the mixture as a whole, it should be provided. When data for the mixture as a whole cannot be provided, data for the most relevant ingredient(s) may be provided, and this data should clearly indicate to which ingredient(s) the data apply.

A4.3.9.9 Other appropriate physical or chemical parameters or safety characteristics, in addition to those listed below, may also be included in this section of the SDS.

Table A4.3.9.1: Basic physical and chemical properties

This table lists basic physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics. Relevant information as required should be indicated for every property listed in this table, such as a short description, value(s), unit, conditions (e.g., temperature, pressure), method, each as appropriate.

If specific properties or safety characteristics do not apply (based on the respective information about applicability in the column “Remarks/Guidance”) they should still be listed in the SDS with the statement “not applicable”.

If information on specific properties or safety characteristics is not available, they should still be listed in the SDS with the statement “not available”. It is recommended that, where appropriate, a short explanation is included as to why the data is not available, e.g., “melts”, “decomposes”, “dissolves”.

Property	Remarks/Guidance
Physical state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – generally at standard conditions – for definitions for gas, liquid and solid see Chapter 1.2
Colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the colour of the substance or mixture as supplied – in cases where one SDS is used to cover variants of a mixture which may have different colours the term 'various' can be used to describe the colour (see A4.3.1.1 for an SDS for variants of a mixture)
Odour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – give a qualitative description of the odour if it is well-known or described in the literature – if available, indicate the odour threshold (qualitatively or quantitatively)
Melting point/ freezing point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – not applicable to gases – at standard pressure – indicate up to which temperature no melting point was observed in case the melting point is above the measuring range of the method – indicate if decomposition or sublimation occurs prior to or during melting – for waxes and pastes the softening point/range may be indicated instead – for mixtures indicate if it is technically not possible to determine the melting point/freezing point
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – generally at standard pressure (a boiling point at lower pressure might be indicated in case the boiling point is very high or decomposition occurs before boiling) – indicate up to which temperature no boiling point was observed in case the boiling point is above the measuring range of the method – indicate if decomposition occurs prior to or during boiling – for mixtures indicate if it is technically not possible to determine the boiling point or range; in that case indicate also the boiling point of the lowest boiling ingredient
Flammability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – applicable to gases, liquids and solids – indicate whether the substance or mixture is ignitable (capable of catching on fire or being set on fire, even if not classified for flammability) – if available and appropriate, further information may be indicated in addition, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the effect of ignition is other than a normal combustion (e.g., an explosion) • ignitability under non-standard conditions – more specific information on the flammability may be indicated based on the respective hazard classification in accordance with Table A4.3.9.2
Lower and upper explosion limit/ flammability limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – not applicable to solids – for flammable liquids indicate at least the lower explosion limit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the flash point is approximately $> -25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, it might be not possible to determine the upper explosion limit at standard temperature; in that case it is recommended to indicate the upper explosion limit at elevated temperature • if the flash point is $> +20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ the same holds for both the lower and upper explosion limit <p><i>Note: Depending on the region of the world the term “explosion limit“ or “flammability limit” is used, but is supposed to mean the same.</i></p>
Flash point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – not applicable to gases, aerosols and solids – for information on test methods etc., see Chapter 2.6, paragraph 2.6.4.2 <p><u>for mixtures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate a value for the mixture itself if available, otherwise indicate the flash point(s) of those substances with the lowest flash point(s) as these are generally the main contributing ones

Property	Remarks/Guidance
Auto-ignition temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to gases and liquids only <u>for mixtures:</u> - indicate a value for the mixture itself if available, otherwise indicate the auto-ignition temperature(s) of those ingredients with the lowest auto-ignition temperature(s)
Decomposition temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to self-reactive substance and mixtures and organic peroxides and other substances and mixtures which may decompose - indicate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SADT (self-accelerating decomposition temperature), together with the volume to which it applies or • the decomposition onset temperature (see also section 20.3.3.3 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) - indicate whether the temperature given is the SADT or the decomposition onset temperature - if no decomposition was observed, indicate up to which temperature no decomposition was observed, e.g., as “no decomposition observed up to x °C/°F”
pH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable to gases - applicable to aqueous liquids and solutions (the pH is linked to aqueous media by definition; measurements carried out in other media do not give the pH) - indicate the concentration of the test substance in water - where the pH is ≤ 2 or ≥ 11.5, see Table A4.3.9.3 for information on acid/alkaline reserve
Kinematic viscosity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to liquids only - use preferably mm^2/s as unit (as the classification criteria for the hazard class aspiration hazard are based on this unit) - the dynamic viscosity may be indicated in addition. The kinematic viscosity is linked to the dynamic viscosity by the density: $\text{Kinematic viscosity (mm}^2/\text{s)} = \frac{\text{Dynamic viscosity (mPa} \cdot \text{s)}}{\text{Density (g/cm}^3\text{)}}$ - for non-Newtonian liquids, indicate thixotropic or rheopexic behaviour
Solubility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - generally at standard temperature - indicate the solubility in water - the solubility in other (non-polar) solvents may also be included - for mixtures, indicate if it is fully or only partially soluble in or miscible with water or other solvent
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable to inorganic and ionic liquids - generally not applicable to mixtures - may be calculated (using QSAR – Quantitative structure-activity relationship) - indicate whether the value is based on testing or on calculation
Vapour pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - generally at standard temperature - indicate the vapour pressure at 50 °C for volatile fluids in addition (in order to enable distinction between gases and liquids based on the definitions in Chapter 1.2) - in cases where one SDS is used to cover variants of a liquid mixture or liquefied gas mixture indicate a range for the vapour pressure - for liquid mixtures or liquefied gas mixtures, indicate a range for the vapour pressure or at least the vapour pressure of the most volatile ingredient(s) where the vapour pressure of the mixture is predominantly determined by this/these ingredient(s) - for liquid mixtures or liquefied gas mixtures, the vapour pressure may be calculated using the activity coefficients of the ingredients - the saturated vapour concentration (SVC) may be indicated in addition. The saturated vapour concentration can be estimated as follows: $\text{SVC (in ml/m}^3\text{)} = \text{VP (in hPa = mbar)} \cdot 987.2$ $\text{SVC (in mg/l)} = \text{VP (in hPa = mbar)} \cdot \text{MW} \cdot 0.0412$ where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>VP</i> is the vapour pressure • <i>MW</i> is the molecular weight

Property	Remarks/Guidance
Density and/or relative density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to liquids and solids only - generally at standard conditions - indicate as appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the absolute density and/or • the relative density based on water at 4 °C as reference (sometimes also called the specific gravity) - a range may be indicated in cases where variations in density are possible, e.g., due to batch manufacture, or where one SDS is used to cover several variants of a substance or mixture <p><i>NOTE: For clarity, the SDS should indicate if absolute density (indicate units) and/or relative density (no units) is being reported.</i></p>
Relative vapour density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to gases and liquids only - for gases, indicate the relative density of the gas based on air at 20 °C as reference (=MW/29) - for liquids, indicate the relative vapour density based on air at 20 °C as reference (=MW/29) - for liquids, the relative density of the vapour/air-mixture at 20 °C (air = 1) may be indicated in addition. It can be calculated as follows: $D_m = 1 + (34 \cdot VP_{20} \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot (MW - 29))$ <p>where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D_m is the relative density of the vapour/air mixture at 20 °C • VP_{20} is the vapour pressure at 20 °C in mbar • MW is the molecular weight
Particle characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicable to solids only - indicate the particle size (median and range) - if available and appropriate, further properties may be indicated in addition, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • size distribution (range) • shape and aspect ratio • specific surface area

Table A4.3.9.2: Data relevant with regard to physical hazard classes (supplemental)

This table lists properties/safety characteristics and test results that are not required on the SDS but may be useful to communicate when a substance or mixture is classified in the respective physical hazard class. Data which is deemed relevant with regard to a specific physical hazard but not resulting in classification (e.g., negative test results close to the criterion) may also be useful to communicate. Include any relevant information, such as a short description, value(s), unit, conditions (e.g., temperature, pressure), method, each as appropriate.

The name of the hazard class the data relates to may be indicated together with the data but it is not necessary to do so because the resulting classification is already indicated in Section 2 of the SDS. Thus, the data may be listed in the same way as the data according to Table A4.3.9.1.

Unless otherwise specified, the test methods referred to in this Table are described in the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria* (referred to as the *Manual of Tests and Criteria* hereafter).

Chapter	Hazard class	Property/Safety characteristic/Test result and Remarks/Guidance
2.1	Explosives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the sensitivity to shock, generally determined by the UN gap test: test 1 (a) and/or test 2 (a) (section 11.4 or 12.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate at least + or –) – indicate the effect of heating under confinement, generally determined by the Koenen test: test 1 (b) and/or test 2 (b) (section 11.5 or 12.5 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate preferably the limiting diameter) – indicate the effect of ignition under confinement, generally determined by test 1 (c) and/or test 2 (c) (section 11.6 or 12.6 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate at least + or –) – indicate the sensitiveness to impact, generally determined by test 3 (a) (section 13.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate preferably the limiting impact energy) – indicate the sensitiveness to friction, generally determined by test 3 (b) (section 13.5 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate preferably the limiting load) – indicate the thermal stability, generally determined by test 3 (c) (section 13.6 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate at least + or –) – in addition, this entry is also applicable to substances and mixtures which are exempted based on Note 2 in Chapter 2.1, section 2.1.3 and to other substances and mixtures which show a positive effect if heated under confinement – indicate the package (type, size, net mass of substance or mixture) based on which the division was assigned or based on which the substance or mixture was exempted
2.2	Flammable gases	<p><u>for pure flammable gases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no data on the explosion/flammability limits is needed because these are indicated based on Table A4.3.9.1 – indicate the T_{Ci} (maximum content of flammable gas which, when mixed with nitrogen, is not flammable in air, in %) as per ISO 10156 – indicate the fundamental burning velocity if the gas is classified as Category 1B based on fundamental burning velocity, generally determined by ISO 817:2014, Annex C <p><u>for flammable gas mixtures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the explosion/flammability limits, if tested, or indicate whether the classification and category assignment is based on the calculation as per ISO 10156 – indicate the fundamental burning velocity if the gas mixture is classified as Category 1B based on fundamental burning velocity, generally determined by ISO 817:2014, Annex C
2.3	Aerosols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the total percentage (by mass) of flammable components unless the Aerosol is classified as Aerosol cat. 1 because it contains more than 1 % flammable components or has a heat of combustion of at least 20 kJ/g and is not submitted to the flammability classification procedures (see the Note in Chapter 2.3, paragraph 2.3.2.2)
2.4	Oxidizing gases	<p><u>for pure oxidizing gases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the C_i (coefficient of oxygen equivalency) as per ISO 10156 <p><u>for oxidizing gas mixtures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate “Oxidizing gas Category 1 (tested as per ISO 10156)” for tested mixtures or indicate the calculated oxidizing power (OP) as per ISO 10156

Chapter	Hazard class	Property/Safety characteristic/Test result and Remarks/Guidance
2.5	Gases under pressure	<p><u>for pure gases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the critical temperature <p><u>for gas mixtures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the pseudo-critical temperature; it is estimated as the mole weighted average of the critical temperatures of the components as follows: $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot T_{\text{Crit}i}$ <p>where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • x_i is molar fraction of component i • $T_{\text{Crit}i}$ is the critical temperature of component i
2.6	Flammable liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no additional data is needed because the boiling point and the flash point are indicated based on Table A4.3.9.1 – indicate information on sustained combustibility if exemption based on Test L.2 (section 32.5.2 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>), in accordance with Note 2 in Chapter 2.6, section 2.6.2, is considered
2.7	Flammable solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the burning rate (or burning time for metal powders), generally determined by Test N.1 (section 33.2.1 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) – indicate whether the wetted zone has been passed or not
2.8	Self-reactive substances and mixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – for the SADT (self-accelerating decomposition temperature), see the entry for the decomposition energy in Table A4.3.9.1 – indicate the decomposition energy (value and method of determination) – indicate detonation properties (Yes/Partial/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate deflagration properties (Yes rapidly/Yes slowly/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate the effect of heating under confinement (Violent/Medium/Low/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate the explosive power if applicable (Not low/Low/None)
2.9	Pyrophoric liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate whether spontaneous ignition or charring of the filter paper occurs, generally determined by Test N.3 (section 33.3.1.5 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate e.g. “the liquid ignites spontaneously in air” or “a filter paper with the liquid chars in air”)
2.10	Pyrophoric solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate whether spontaneous ignition occurs when poured or within five minutes thereafter, generally determined by Test N.2 (section 33.3.1.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (e.g., “the solid ignites spontaneously in air”) – indicate whether pyrophoric properties could be altered over time, e.g., by formation of a protective surface layer through slow oxidation
2.11	Self-heating substances and mixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate whether spontaneous ignition occurs, include possible screening data and/or method used (generally Test N.4, section 33.3.1.6 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) and note the maximum temperature rise obtained – indicate the results of screening tests according to Chapter 2.11, paragraph 2.11.4.2, if relevant and available
2.12	Substances and mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate the identity of the emitted gas, if known – indicate whether the emitted gas ignites spontaneously – indicate the gas evolution rate, generally determined by Test N.5 (section 33.4.1.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>), unless the test has not been completed e.g. because the gas ignites spontaneously
2.13	Oxidizing liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate whether spontaneous ignition occurs when mixed with cellulose, generally determined by Test O.2 (section 34.4.2 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (e.g., “the mixture with cellulose (prepared for Test O.2) ignites spontaneously”)
2.14	Oxidizing solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate whether spontaneous ignition occurs when mixed with cellulose, generally determined by Test O.1 or Test O.3 (sections 34.4.1 or 34.4.3 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (e.g., “the mixture with cellulose (prepared for Test O.1 or O.3) ignites spontaneously”)

Chapter	Hazard class	Property/Safety characteristic/Test result and Remarks/Guidance
2.15	Organic peroxides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – for the SADT (self-accelerating decomposition temperature) see the entry for the decomposition energy in Table A4.3.9.1 – indicate the decomposition energy (value and method of determination), if available – indicate detonation properties (Yes/Partial/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate deflagration properties (Yes rapidly/Yes slowly/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate the effect of heating under confinement (Violent/Medium/Low/No), also in packaging where relevant – indicate the explosive power if applicable (Not low/Low/None)
2.16	Corrosive to metals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate which metals are corroded by the substance or mixture (e.g., “corrosive to aluminium” or “corrosive to steel” etc.), if available – indicate the corrosion rate and whether it refers to steel or aluminium, generally determined by Test C.1 (section 37.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>), if available – include a reference to other sections of the SDS with regard to compatible or incompatible materials (e.g., to packaging compatibilities in Section 7 or to incompatible materials in Section 10), as appropriate
2.17	Desensitized explosives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – indicate what desensitizing agent is used – indicate the exothermic decomposition energy – indicate the corrected burning rate A_c

Table A4.3.9.3: Further safety characteristics (supplemental)

This table lists further properties/safety characteristics and test results that are not required on the SDS but may be useful to communicate for a substance or mixture. Other physical properties/safety characteristics of the substance or mixture not identified in this table may also be useful to communicate. Include all relevant information, such as a short description, value(s), unit, conditions (e.g., temperature, pressure), method, each as appropriate.

Safety characteristic and/or test result	Remarks/Guidance
Mechanical sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – applicable to energetic substances and mixtures with an exothermic decomposition energy ≥ 500 J/g in accordance with the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>, Appendix 6, section 3.3 (c) – indicate the sensitiveness to impact, generally determined by test 3 (a) (section 13.4 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate preferably the limiting impact energy) – indicate the sensitiveness to friction, generally determined by test 3 (b) (section 13.5 of the <i>Manual of Tests and Criteria</i>) (indicate preferably the limiting load)
SAPT (self-accelerating polymerization temperature)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – applicable to substances and mixtures which may self-polymerize thereby generating dangerous amounts of heat and gas or vapour – indicate the volume for which the SAPT is given
Formation of explosible dust/air mixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – not applicable to gases and liquids – not applicable to solids containing only substances which are fully oxidized (e.g., silicon dioxide) – in case formation of explosible dust/air mixtures might be possible based on Section 2 of the SDS, relevant safety characteristics may be indicated in addition, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lower explosion limit / minimum explosible concentration • minimum ignition energy • deflagration index (K_{st}) • maximum explosion pressure – indicate the particle characteristics to which the data apply if different from the particle characteristics as indicated based on Table A4.3.9.1 <p><i>NOTE 1: The ability to form explosible dust/air mixtures may be determined e.g. by VDI* 2263-1 "Dust Fires and Dust Explosions; Hazards - Assessment - Protective Measures; Test Methods for the Determination of the Safety Characteristics of Dusts" or by ISO/IEC 80079-20-2 "Explosive atmospheres - Part 20-2: Material characteristics - Combustible dusts test methods" (in preparation).</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 2: Explosion characteristics are specific for the tested dust. Normally they cannot be transferred to other dusts even if these are comparable. Fine-sized dusts of a particular substance tend to react stronger than coarser dusts.</i></p>
Acid/alkaline reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – applicable to substances and mixtures which have an extreme pH ($\text{pH} \leq 2$ or ≥ 11.5) – indicate acid/alkaline reserve when used for evaluating skin and eye hazards

* VDI stands for "Verein Deutscher Ingenieure"

A4.3.10 SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**A4.3.10.1 Reactivity**

A4.3.10.1.1 Describe the reactivity hazards of the substance or mixture in this section. Provide specific test data for the substance or mixture as a whole, where available. However, the information may also be based on general data for the class or family of chemical if such data adequately represent the anticipated hazard of the substance or mixture.

A4.3.10.1.2 If data for mixtures are not available, ingredient data should be provided. In determining incompatibility, consider the substances, containers and contaminants that the substance or mixture might be exposed to during transportation, storage and use.

A4.3.10.2 Chemical stability

Indicate if the substance or mixture is stable or unstable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure. Describe any stabilizers which are, or may need to be, used to maintain the product. Indicate the safety significance of any change in the physical appearance of the product.

A4.3.10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

If relevant, state if the substance or mixture will react or polymerize, releasing excess pressure or heat, or creating other hazardous conditions. Describe under what conditions the hazardous reactions may occur.

A4.3.10.4 Conditions to avoid

List conditions such as heat, pressure, shock, static discharge, vibrations or other physical stresses that might result in a hazardous situation.

A4.3.10.5 Incompatible materials

List classes of chemicals or specific substances with which the substance or mixture could react to produce a hazardous situation (e.g. explosion, release of toxic or flammable materials, liberation of excessive heat).

A4.3.10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

List known and reasonably anticipated hazardous decomposition products produced as a result of use, storage and heating. Hazardous combustion products should be included in section 5 (Fire-fighting measures) of the SDS.

A4.3.11 SECTION 11: Toxicological information

A4.3.11.1 This section is used primarily by medical professionals, occupational health and safety professionals and toxicologists. A concise but complete and comprehensible description of the various toxicological (health) effects, and the available data used to identify those effects, should be provided. Under GHS classification, the relevant hazards, for which data should be provided, are:

- (a) acute toxicity;
- (b) skin corrosion/irritation;
- (c) serious eye damage/irritation;
- (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
- (e) germ cell mutagenicity;
- (f) carcinogenicity;
- (g) reproductive toxicity;
- (h) STOT-single exposure;

- (i) STOT-repeated exposure; and
- (j) aspiration hazard.

These hazards should always be listed on the SDS.

A4.3.11.2 The health effects included in the SDS should be consistent with those described in the studies used for the classification of the substance or mixture.

A4.3.11.3 Where there is a substantial amount of test data on the substance or mixture, it may be desirable to summarize results e.g. by route of exposure (see A4.3.11.1).

A4.3.11.4 The data included in this sub-section should apply to the substance or mixture as used. The toxicological data should describe the mixture. If that information is not available, the classification under GHS and the toxicological properties of the hazardous ingredients should be provided.

A4.3.11.5 General statements such as “Toxic” with no supporting data or “Safe if properly used” are not acceptable as they may be misleading and do not provide a description of health effects. Phrases such as “not applicable”, “not relevant”, or leaving blank spaces in the health effects section can lead to confusion and misunderstanding and should not be used. For health effects where information is not available, this should be clearly stated. Health effects should be described accurately and relevant distinctions made. For example, allergic contact dermatitis and irritant contact dermatitis should be distinguished from each other.

A4.3.11.6 If data for any of these hazards are not available, they should still be listed on the SDS with a statement that data are not available. Also provide information on the relevant negative data (see A4.2.2.3). If data are available showing that the substance or mixture does not meet the criteria for classification, it should be stated on the SDS that the substance or mixture has been evaluated and based on available data, does not meet the classification criteria. Additionally, if a substance or mixture is found to be not classified for other reasons, for example, due to technical impossibility to obtain data, or inconclusive data, this should be clearly stated on the SDS.

A4.3.11.7 *Information on the likely routes of exposure*

Provide information on the likely routes of exposure and the effects of the substance or mixture via each possible route of exposure, that is, through ingestion (swallowing), inhalation or skin/eye exposure. A statement should be made if health effects are not known.

A4.3.11.8 *Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics*

Describe the potential adverse health effects and symptoms associated with exposure to the substance or mixture and its ingredients or known by-products. Provide information on the symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics of the substance or mixture following exposure related to the intended uses. Describe the first symptoms at the lowest exposures through to the consequences of severe exposure; for example, “headaches and dizziness may occur, proceeding to fainting or unconsciousness; large doses may result in coma and death”.

A4.3.11.9 *Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure*

Provide information on whether delayed or immediate effects can be expected after short or long term exposure. Also provide information on acute and chronic health effects relating to human exposure to the substance or mixture. Where human data are not available, animal data should be summarised and the species clearly identified. It should be indicated in the SDS whether toxicological data is based on human or animal data.

A4.3.11.10 *Numerical measures of toxicity (such as acute toxicity estimates)*

Provide information on the dose, concentration or conditions of exposure that may cause adverse health effects. Where appropriate, doses should be linked to symptoms and effects, including the period of exposure likely to cause harm.

A4.3.11.11 *Interactive effects*

Information on interactions should be included if relevant and readily available.

A4.3.11.12 *Where specific chemical data are not available*

It may not always be possible to obtain information on the hazards of a substance or mixture. In cases where data on the specific substance or mixture are not available, data on the chemical class, if appropriate, may be used. Where generic data are used or where data are not available, this should be stated clearly in the SDS.

A4.3.11.13 *Mixtures*

If a mixture has not been tested for its health effects as a whole then information on each ingredient listed under A4.3.3.2.1 should be provided and the mixture should be classified using the processes that are described in the GHS (Section 1.3.2.3 and subsequent chapters).

A4.3.11.14 *Mixture versus ingredient information*

A4.3.11.14.1 Ingredients may interact with each other in the body resulting in different rates of absorption, metabolism and excretion. As a result, the toxic actions may be altered and the overall toxicity of the mixture may be different from its ingredients.

A4.3.11.14.2 It is necessary to consider whether the concentration of each ingredient is sufficient to contribute to the overall health effects of the mixture. The information on toxic effects should be presented for each ingredient, except:

- (a) if the information is duplicated, it is not necessary to list this more than once. For example, if two ingredients both cause vomiting and diarrhoea, it is not necessary to list this twice. Overall, the mixture is described as causing vomiting and diarrhoea;
- (b) if it is unlikely that these effects will occur at the concentrations present. For example, when a mild irritant is diluted in a non-irritating solution, there comes a point where the overall mixture would be unlikely to cause irritation;
- (c) Predicting the interactions between ingredients is extremely difficult, and where information on interactions is not available, assumptions should not be made and instead the health effects of each ingredient should be listed separately.

A4.3.11.15 *Other information*

Other relevant information on adverse health effects should be included even when not required by the GHS classification criteria.

A4.3.12 **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

A4.3.12.1 The information that shall be provided in this section is to enable evaluation of the environmental impact of the substance or mixture if it were released to the environment. This information can assist in handling spills, and evaluating waste treatment practices, control of release, accidental release measures, and transport.

A4.3.12.2 A concise but complete and comprehensible description of the various ecotoxicological (environment) properties, and the available data used to identify those properties, should be provided. The basic properties, for which data should be provided, are:

- (a) Toxicity;
- (b) Persistence and degradability;
- (c) Bioaccumulative potential;
- (d) Mobility in soil;
- (e) Other adverse effects.

These properties should always be listed on the SDS. Species, media, units, test duration and test conditions should be clearly indicated. (If data for any of these properties are not available, they should still be listed on the SDS with a statement that data are not available).

A4.3.12.3 Some ecotoxicological properties are substance specific, i.e. bioaccumulation, persistence and degradability. The information should therefore be given, where available and appropriate, for each relevant ingredient of the mixture (i.e. those which are required to be listed in Section 3 of the SDS).

A4.3.12.4 Provide also a short summary of the data given under A4.3.12.5 to A4.3.12.9 in relation to the hazard classification criteria. Where data are not available for classification, this should be clearly stated on the SDS for each basic property concerned. Additionally, if data are available showing that the substance or mixture does not meet the criteria for classification, it should be stated on the SDS that the substance or mixture has been evaluated and, based on available data, does not meet the classification criteria. Additionally, if a substance or mixture is found to be not classified for other reasons, for example, due to technical impossibility to obtain the data, or inconclusive data, this should be clearly stated on the SDS.

A4.3.12.5 *Toxicity*

Information on toxicity can be provided using data from tests performed on aquatic and/or terrestrial organisms. This should include relevant available data on both acute and chronic aquatic toxicity for fish, crustaceans, algae and other aquatic plants. In addition, toxicity data on other organisms (including soil micro-and macro-organisms) such as birds, bees and plants, should be included when available. Where the substance or mixture has inhibitory effects on the activity of micro-organisms, the possible impact on sewage treatment plants should be mentioned.

A4.3.12.6 *Persistence and degradability*

Persistence and degradability is the potential for the substance or the appropriate constituents of a mixture to degrade in the environment, either through biodegradation or other processes, such as oxidation or hydrolysis. Test results relevant to assess persistence and degradability should be given where available. If degradation half-lives are quoted it must be indicated whether these half-lives refer to mineralization or to primary degradation. The potential of the substance or certain constituents (see also A4.3.12.8) of a mixture to degrade in sewage treatment plants should also be mentioned.

A4.3.12.7 *Bioaccumulative potential*

Bioaccumulation is the potential for the substance or certain constituents of a mixture to accumulate in biota and, possibly, pass through the food chain. Test results relevant to assess the bioaccumulative potential should be given. This should include reference to the octanol-water partition coefficient (K_{ow}) and bioconcentration factor (BCF), if available.

A4.3.12.8 *Mobility in soil*

Mobility in soil is the potential of a substance or the constituents of a mixture, if released to the environment, to move under natural forces to the groundwater or to a distance from the site of release. The potential for mobility in soil should be given where available. Information on mobility can be determined from relevant mobility data such as adsorption studies or leaching studies. For example, K_{oc} values can be predicted from octanol/water partition coefficients (K_{ow}). Leaching and mobility can be predicted from models.

NOTE: *Where real data on the substance or mixture is available this data will take precedence over models and predictions.*

A4.3.12.9 *Other adverse effects*

Information on any other adverse effects to the environment should be included where available, such as environmental fate (exposure), ozone depletion potential, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disrupting potential and/or global warming potential.

A4.3.13 **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

A4.3.13.1 *Disposal methods*

A4.3.13.1.1 Provide information for proper disposal, recycling or reclamation of the substance or mixture and/or its container to assist in the determination of safe and environmentally preferred waste management options, consistent with the requirements of the national competent authority. For the safety of persons conducting disposal, recycling or reclamation activities, please refer to the information in section 8 (exposure controls and personal protection) of the SDS.

- A4.3.13.1.2 Specify disposal containers and methods.
- A4.3.13.1.3 Discuss physical/chemical properties that may affect disposal options.
- A4.3.13.1.4 Discourage sewage disposal.
- A4.3.13.1.5 Where appropriate, identify any special precautions for incineration or landfill.

A4.3.14 ***SECTION 14: Transport information***

This section provides basic classification information for the transporting/shipment of a hazardous substance or mixture by road, rail, sea or air. Where information is not available or relevant this should be stated.

A4.3.14.1 *UN Number*

Provide the UN Number (i.e. four-figure identification number of the substance or article) from the *UN Model Regulations*⁴.

A4.3.14.2 *UN Proper Shipping Name*

Provide the UN proper shipping name from the UN Model Regulations⁴. For substances or mixtures the UN proper shipping name should be provided in this sub-section if it has not appeared as the GHS product identifier or national or regional identifiers.

A4.3.14.3 *Transport hazard class(es)*

Provide the transport class (and subsidiary risks) assigned to the substances or mixtures according to the most predominant hazard that they present in accordance with the UN Model Regulations⁴.

A4.3.14.4 *Packing group, if applicable*

Provide the packing group number from the UN Model Regulations⁴, if applicable. The packing group number is assigned to certain substances in accordance with their degree of hazard.

A4.3.14.5 *Environmental hazards*

Indicate whether the substance or mixture is a known marine pollutant according to the IMDG Code⁵, and if so, whether it is a “marine pollutant” or a “severe marine pollutant”. Also indicate whether the substance or mixture is environmentally hazardous according to the UN Model Regulations⁴, ADR⁶, RID⁷ and ADN⁸.

A4.3.14.6 *Special precautions for user*

Provide information on any special precautions, which a user needs to be aware of, or needs to comply with in connection with transport.

⁴ *UN Model Regulations* means the Model Regulations annexed to the most recently revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods published by the United Nations.

⁵ *IMDG Code* means the International Maritime Dangerous Goods code, as amended.

⁶ *ADR* means the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, as amended.

⁷ *RID* means the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail, as amended.

⁸ *ADN* means the European Agreement concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways, as amended.

A4.3.14.7 *Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments*

This sub-section only applies when cargoes are intended to be carried in bulk according to IMO instruments: e.g., chapter VI or VII of SOLAS⁹ Annex II or Annex V of MARPOL¹⁰, the IBC Code¹¹, the IMSBC Code¹² and the IGC Code¹³ (or earlier versions, i.e.: EGC Code¹⁴ or GC Code¹⁵).

For liquid bulk cargoes, provide the product name (if name is different to that given in A4.3.1.1) as required by the shipment document and in accordance with the name used in the lists of product names given in chapters 17 or 18 of the IBC Code or the latest edition of the IMO's MEPC.2/Circular. Indicate ship type required and pollution category.

For solid bulk cargoes, provide the bulk cargo shipping name, whether or not the cargo is considered harmful to the marine environment (HME) according to MARPOL Annex V, whether it is a material hazardous only in bulk (MHB) according to the IMSBC Code, and which group it should be shipped according to the IMSBC.

For liquefied gas cargoes in bulk provide the product name and ship type according to the IGC Code (or earlier versions, i.e.: EGC Code or GC Code).

A4.3.15 **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

Describe any other regulatory information on the substance or mixture that is not provided elsewhere in the SDS (e.g. whether the substance or mixture is subject to the Montreal Protocol¹⁶, the Stockholm Convention¹⁷ or the Rotterdam Convention¹⁸).

A4.3.15.1 *Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question*

Provide relevant national and/or regional information on the regulatory status of the substance or mixture (including its ingredients) under relevant safety, health and environmental regulations. This should include whether the substance is subject to any prohibitions or restrictions in the country or region into which it is being supplied.

A4.3.16 **SECTION 16: Other information**

Provide information relevant to the preparation of the SDS in this section. This should incorporate other information that does not belong in sections 1 to 15 of the SDS, including information on preparation and revision of the SDS such as:

- (a) the date of preparation of the latest revision of the SDS. When revisions are made to an SDS, unless it has been indicated elsewhere, clearly indicate where the changes have been made to the previous version of the SDS. Suppliers should maintain an explanation of the changes and be willing to provide it upon request;
- (b) a key/legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the SDS; and
- (c) key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS.

NOTE: *While references are not necessary in SDS's, references may be included in this section if desired.*

⁹ **SOLAS** means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

¹⁰ **MARPOL** means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, as amended.

¹¹ **IBC Code** means the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (International Bulk Chemical Code).

¹² **IMSBC Code** means the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code, as amended.

¹³ **IGC Code** means the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, including applicable amendments to which the vessel has been certified.

¹⁴ **EGC Code** means the Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk.

¹⁵ **GC Code** means the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (Gas Carrier Code).

¹⁶ **Montreal Protocol** means the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, as either adjusted and/or amended.

¹⁷ **Stockholm Convention** means the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

¹⁸ **Rotterdam Convention** means the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.

