

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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Report of the Informal Working Group on the Classification of Mixtures

The Informal Correspondence Working Group on the Classification of Mixtures held a meeting on December 9, 2008. The Working Group agreed that its initial objectives had been achieved, and recommended (1) adoption of the Working Paper ST/SC/AC.10/C.4//2008/23 with the amendments listed below and (2) that the Working Group should continue into the next biennium with the programme of work listed below.

Amendments to the Working Paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/23

Paragraph 2: Amendments to the criteria for the classification of mixtures

1. Delete current proposed Note (a) to table 3.1.1.
2. Insert new text as follows:
 - (a) The acute toxicity estimate (ATE) for the classification of a substance is derived using the LD₅₀/LC₅₀ where available.
 - (b) The acute toxicity estimate (ATE) for the classification of a substance in a mixture is derived using:
 - (i) the LD₅₀/LC₅₀ where available. Otherwise,
 - (ii) the appropriate conversion value from Table 3.1.2 that relates to the results of a range test, or
 - (iii) the appropriate conversion value from Table 3.1.2 that relates to a classification category;
3. Re-designate existing notes (b) through (f) as (c) through (g).
4. Modify proposed 3.1.3.6.1 sub-paragraph (c) to read “See note (b) to Table 3.1.1 and paragraph...”

Future Work

Given the agreement reached at the first session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS that issues requiring development of new hazard classes or modification to existing criteria would be referred to the appropriate technical focal point (see ST/SG/AC.10./C.4/2), it was agreed that the correspondence group's proposed programme of work should be:

- To clarify application of the GHS criteria through, for example, development of proposals for changes to the GHS document or development of examples illustrating application of criteria and any related hazard communication issues, as needed.
