

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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DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Report of the Meeting of the
Correspondence Group on Precautionary Statements (CG-PS)
(held on 7 December)

Note by the Chairman of the CG

The CG-PS discussed document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/8/Rev.1 which includes new matrices related to *Target Organ Systemic Toxicity/Single Exposure (Respiratory Tract Irritation and Narcotic Effects)* and *Aspiration Hazards* and further changes according to various comments from CG-PS members such as UN/SCEGHS/7/INF.24 (The United States of America) and -/INF.25 (WHO).

Other comments arrived on request in the meantime such as UN/SCEGHS/8/INF.9 (EIGA), -/INF.15 (DGAC), -/INF.20 (WHO), -/INF.26 (CEFIC), -/INF.28 (The United States of America) and other late comments from mail correspondence. A proposal for adjusting the matrix in order to incorporate the new category on Unstable Explosives (accepted but subject to final adoption of the report on the 8th session) into the GHS as proposed by CEFIC in ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/5 was made.

All changes have been included in an unofficial working document -/2004/8/Rev.2 for discussion at the meeting of the correspondence group on PS.

The following further amendments to -/2004/8/Rev.2 have been accepted during the meeting of the CG-PS:

Editorial changes on pages 5-8 according to UN/SCEGHS/7/INF.24

Page 6: delete third paragraph of section A3.4.

Page 7: delete middle row of the table

All matrices: - delete all footnotes;

- Disposal: replace “this material/its container ...” by “contents/container ...”
- Response: replace POISON CONTROL CENTER with POISON CENTER

Page 9: insert new matrix Unstable Explosives if adopted by the Sub-Committee

EXPLOSIVES

<p>Page 10, 12: <u>Replace</u> Keep wetted with appropriate material specified by the manufacturer or the competent authority. <i>- if drying out increases explosion hazard.</i> <i>Example: nitrocelluloses</i></p>	<p>By Keep wetted with appropriate material specified by the manufacturer or the competent authority. <i>- if drying out increases explosion hazard, except as needed for manufacturing or operating processes.</i> <i>Example: nitrocellulose</i></p>
<p>Page 10, 11, 12: <u>Replace</u> Ground/Bond container and receiving equipment. <i>- if electrostatically sensitive material is for reloading.”</i></p>	<p>By Ground/Bond container and receiving equipment. <i>- if the explosive is electrostatically sensitive.”</i> (add this statement to page 11)</p>
<p>Page 10, 11, 12: <u>Delete</u> In case of fire: Evacuate area and fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.</p>	<p>Page 10, 12: <u>Insert</u> DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives. In case of fire evacuate area. Page 11: <u>Insert</u> <u>Explosives (except 1.4S AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS THEREOF)</u> DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives. In case of fire evacuate area. Fight fire with normal precautions from a reasonable distance. <i>- if explosives are 1.4S AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS THEREOF.</i></p>
<p>Page 12: Add Do not subject to rough handling such as grinding/shock/friction. Wear face protection. as specified by the manufacturer or the competent authority.</p>	

Pages 13, 14, 17, 18: Overall agreement on EIGA proposals, except for “Keep away from ignition sources such as heat/sparks/open flame - No smoking.” which is kept.

Pages 18: First response statement should read as on page 50: “IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.”

Page 29, column Prevention, last item: Replace “Do not unintentionally mix” with “Take any precaution to avoid mixing”.

Pages 37, in the column Response, delete the all sentence “Give a slurry.....water soluble substances”.

Pages 53, 54 Response: add “Wash hands after handling”.

Pages 62, 63, 65, 66 Prevention: changed wording “Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.” accepted.

