

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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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Implementation of the GHS: Implementation issues

Development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America on behalf of the correspondence group

Background information: INF.20 (United States of America)

The informal group met on 8 December 2011.

1. The expert from the United States of America introduced INF.20 which was a review of the workstreams for this biennium and the guiding principles generally agreed upon at the working group meeting at the 21st session.
2. The views of the experts were that there was general agreement on the six guiding principles that were listed in the informal paper. Several experts recommended editorial edits which will be incorporated. One expert recommended that a 7th guiding principle be added that classifications should be done using the same data.
3. Several experts commented that there were already lists available and the subcommittee should be mindful of them as we move forward.
4. There was general agreement that we should move forward with a pilot group of chemicals. Several experts recommended using High Production Volume substances that are not restricted use chemicals and where the data sets are available.
5. The expert from the United States of America concluded that the group intended to do the following for the next session: prepare a working paper outlining the guiding principles for the creation of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS; review the existing chemical lists and compare them to the guiding principles and solicit specific chemicals that we should consider for the pilot program using the criteria listed above.
6. All documents will be posted on the webportal for comment from the working group.