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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally
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**Updating of the Globally Harmonized System of
Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS):
miscellaneous proposals****Correction to decision logic diagrams in the French version
of the GHS****Transmitted by the expert from Canada¹****Introduction**

1. An exclamation mark has been used at the end of each signal word in the decision logics presented in the French version of the GHS.
2. Signal words are never followed by an exclamation mark or other punctuation in the English, Spanish or Russian versions of the GHS.
3. Signal words are not punctuated with an exclamation mark in the hazard communication tables in the French version of the GHS, whether in the hazard class chapters or in the annexes.

Proposal

4. Remove the exclamation mark punctuation following all signal words in the next edition of the French version of the GHS.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2011-2012 approved by the Committee at its fifth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/76, para. 116 and ST/SG/AC.10/38, para. 16).

Justification

5. The decision logics should not imply that an exclamation mark is necessary punctuation to the signal word that appears on the label or safety data sheet.
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