



**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****Twenty-sixth session**

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Classification criteria and hazard communication:**Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
on physical hazards****Explosives: definition of Division 1.6 articles¹****Note by the secretariat****Background**

1. At its forty-third session, the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee) endorsed the recommendation of the Working Group on Explosives to amend the definition of Division 1.6 articles in the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Chapter 2.1, paragraph 2.1.1.4 (f)). Noting that the same definition is reproduced in the GHS (Chapter 2.1, paragraph 2.1.2.1 (f)), it recommended that the same amendment be applied to the GHS text.

2. At its twenty-fifth session, the GHS Sub-Committee considered the outcome of the work of the TDG Sub-Committee and its recommendations, as contained in INF.17 (submitted at that session). The proposal in paragraph 8 of INF.17 regarding the amendment of the definition of Division 1.6 in the GHS was adopted in principle and the secretariat was requested to submit the proposed amendment in a formal document to the twenty-sixth session of the Sub-Committee.

¹ In accordance with the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-fifth session (see document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50, paragraph 13).

Proposal

3. In Chapter 2.1, paragraph 2.1.2.1 (f) amend the definition of Division 1.6 as follows (new text is underlined; deleted text is strikethrough):

“(f) Division 1.6 Extremely insensitive articles which do not have a mass explosion hazard: articles which predominantly contain ~~only~~ extremely insensitive substances or mixtures and which demonstrate a negligible probability of accidental initiation or propagation.”.

4. The Sub-Committee agreed that the question on whether or not the existing note after paragraph 2.1.1.4 (f) in the Model Regulations needed to be included in the GHS would be submitted to the Working Group on Explosives for consideration at its next meeting in 2014. The note is reproduced hereafter for information.

[NOTE: The risk from articles of Division 1.6 is limited to the explosion of a single article.]
