

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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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

List of documents under agenda item

Note by the secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/49	Provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/49/Add.1	List of documents and annotations
INF.1	List of documents
INF.2	List of documents under agenda item
INF.12	Provisional timetable

Background documents (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.5	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), fifth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.18	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, eighteenth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5 and Amends.1 and 2	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, fifth revised edition and amendments 1 and 2 to the 5 th revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/48 and -/Add.1	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS on its 24th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the TDG on its 42nd session
ST/SG/AC.10/40 and –Adds.1-3	Report of the Committee of Experts on its 6th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/CRP.3 and -adds.1 to 8	Draft report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the TDG on its 43rd session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/CRP.4 and -adds.1 to 4	

2. Classification criteria and hazard communication

(a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on physical hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2013/2 (Sweden)	Editorial clarification of a screening procedure for potential explosives in the Manual of Tests and Criteria and in the GHS
INF.5 (Germany)	Desensitized explosives
INF.17 (Secretariat)	Work of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 43 rd session

(b) Practical classification issues

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the meeting of the informal working group to be held on Tuesday 2 July (see INF.12).

(c) Corrosivity criteria

INF.9 and –Add.1 (CEFIC)	Harmonisation of the skin corrosion classification criteria in the UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods with those in GHS
INF.11 (United Kingdom)	Consistency of classification criteria in the UN Model Regulations and in the GHS: Options for a way forward and agenda for the meeting of the joint working group on corrosivity criteria

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the meeting of the joint TDG-GHS informal working group to be held on Monday 1 July (see INF.12).

(d) Dust explosion hazards

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session.

(e) Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

(f) Nanomaterials

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2013/3 (France)	Review of the applicability of the GHS as regards the hazardous properties of nanomaterials
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2013/4 (Australia)	Classification and hazard communication of nanomaterials

(g) Miscellaneous

- ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2013/1 (Germany) Articles as environmentally hazardous substances
 + INF.3 (Germany)
 INF.15 (USA) Pyrophoric gas: proposal to include pyrophoric gas as a new hazard in the GHS

3. Hazard communication issues**(a) Revision of section 9 of Annex 4**

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the meeting of the informal working group to be held on Monday 1 July (see INF.12).

(b) Labelling of small packagings

- INF.13 (CEFIC) Labelling of small packagings
 The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the meeting of the informal working group to be held on Tuesday 2 July (see INF.12).

(c) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the meeting of the informal working group to be held on Monday 1 July (see INF.12).

(d) Miscellaneous

- INF.7 (DGAC) Practical alternatives to empty pictogram frames
 INF.8 (DGAC) Size of GHS pictograms relative to transport labels and placards
 INF.18 (Sweden) Discussion paper on the need for a new precautionary statement for pyrotechnic articles

4. Implementation of the GHS**(a) Development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS**

- INF.10 (Secretariat) Comparison between transport classification (Rev.17) and EU CLP Regulation (up to its 4th adaptation to technical progress)
 INF.14 (USA) Assessing the potential development of a global list of classified chemicals

(b) Reports on the status of implementation

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organisations

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

(d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

5. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

INF.6 (Secretariat) Examples on the application of the GHS criteria

6. Capacity building

INF.16 (Secretariat) Activities of the UNITAR/ILO Global GHS Capacity Building Programme and UNITAR/ILO/OECD WSSD GHS Partnership

7. Other business

INF.4 (Secretariat) Confirmation of the OECD Task Force on Hazard Assessment as focal point for work on health and environmental hazards

8. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its twenty-fifth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
