

## **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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**Classification criteria and related hazard communication:**

**Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport  
of Dangerous Goods (TDG)**

### **Proposal for review of Chapter 2.1 (Explosives) in the GHS**

**Transmitted by the expert from Australia**

#### **Introduction**

1. Discussions at the explosives working group on 26 June included a consideration of implementation issues of the explosives chapter in the GHS.

#### **Discussion**

2. A number of participants identified that the classification and labelling requirements for explosives in the GHS, given that they are taken directly from the UN Model Regulations transport requirements, are based on explosives as tested when packaged. Participants discussed that this posed issues for correctly identifying and communicating hazards of explosives during manufacture, storage, handling and use when the explosives are no longer packaged for transport.

3. Australia considers that a review of the explosives chapter be considered in the next biennium. A working document will be prepared for the December GHS meeting with a scope for proposed work in the next biennium, subject to agreement by the GHS Sub-Committee.

#### **Proposal**

4. At this stage, Australia seeks the views of the Sub-Committee to gauge interest in a proposal for this work to be developed. Australia also seeks an indication of interested parties to co-sponsor the proposal and be involved intersessionally in this work if agreed. Australia proposes that the expertise of the members of the Explosives Working Group and the TDG Sub-Committee be utilised in any review and the progress of the work be reported to both sub committees.

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