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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda

Hazard communication:

**improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further
rationalisation of precautionary statements**

Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group and proposed continuance of work

**Transmitted by the expert from United Kingdom on behalf of the
informal working group**

Introduction

1. This informal paper provides an update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of Annexes 1-3 since the 34th session of the Sub-Committee.

Background

2. The Sub-Committee agreed the group's programme of work for the 2017-2018 biennium (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/64; UN/SCEGHS/32/INF.12/Rev.1).

3. At the 34th session of the Sub-Committee an oral update on the progress of the working group was presented. At that stage, the group had commenced work on the medical response and the precautionary pictogram issues and good progress had been made.

Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, the working group has actively taken forward by correspondence a number of issues in its work programme. The outcome is that the UK has submitted, on behalf of the working group, the following seven working and informal documents for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its 35th session in July 2018:

- ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/13 and UN/SCEGHS/35/INF.8 – ‘Proposed changes to Annex 3 of the GHS to improve medical response precautionary statements (P310 to P315)’;
- ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/5 - ‘Proposal for precautionary pictograms equivalent to the precautionary statement P102 “*Keep out of reach of children*”’;
- ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/6 and UN/SCEGHS/35/INF.7 – ‘Proposed changes to Annex 3 of the GHS to reflect hazard sub-categories’;

- ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/14 and UN/SCEGHS/35/INF.9/Rev 1 - 'Proposed changes to P201 and P202'.

5. A further working document, ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/4, 'Proposed changes to Chapter 3.3 of the GHS to reflect hazard sub-categories' addresses a consequential change identified by the group in the course of the group's work. This document was reviewed by the working group though, as the proposed change is not in Annexes 1 to 3, the paper is not submitted on behalf of the working group.

6. The informal working group is currently progressing a number of other issues including: the flexible use of the precautionary pictogram equivalent to P102; the possible combination of Sections 2 and 3 of Annex 3; and the P501 precautionary statement on disposal / recycling of waste.

7. The working group plans to meet again during the thirty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee to further discuss the issues outlined above and other items on its work plan.

8. A draft agenda for the working group's meeting from 13:00 to 14:30 on Wednesday 4 July 2018 is in the Annex to this document. Oral feedback will be provided to the Sub-Committee during plenary for the 35th session.

Draft Agenda for the Revision of Annex 1-3 informal working group meeting

4th July 2017 (13:00-14:30; Room S4)

- 1. Welcome to participants**
 - 2. Review and adoption of the agenda**
 - 3. Brief consideration of documents for discussion by the Sub-committee**
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/13 and INF.8
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/5
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/6 and INF.7
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/14 and INF.9/Rev 1
 - ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2018/4
 - 4. Further consideration for conditions of use for P102 “Keep out of reach of children” precautionary pictogram**
 - AISE thought starter paper
 - 5. Possible combination of sections 2 and 3 of Annex 3**
 - UK thought starter
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 - 6. P501 Precautionary Statement “Dispose of contents/container to ...”**
 - AISE thought starter paper
 - UK thought starter
 - 7. Progress on the work plan for this biennium**
 - A call for volunteers:
 - Hand-eye contact
 - Pictograms and notes in Annex 1
 - Respiratory Sensitisation
 - Combination statements
 - 8. Issues for consideration in the next biennium**
 - Issues for the next work plan, 2019 to 2020?
 - 9. Any other business**
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