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and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Fifty-sixth session**

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**Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals:  
updating of references to OECD Guidelines****Minor revision of paragraph 2.8.3.2****Transmitted by the European Union and the Netherlands\*****Introduction**

1. The European Commission wishes to thank all delegates that contributed to finalise and agreed to the adoption of paragraph 2.8.3.2 based on the proposal in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/1 considered at the fifty-fifth session.

2. In Annex I to the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its fifty-fifth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/110) the following draft amendments to paragraph 2.8.3.2 to the twenty-first revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.21), were included:

“2.8.3.2 In the second sentence, replace “OECD Test Guidelines<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>” by “OECD Test Guidelines Nos. 404<sup>1</sup>, 435<sup>2</sup>, 431<sup>3</sup> or 430<sup>4</sup>”. In the third sentence, replace “OECD Test Guidelines<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>” by “one of these or non-classified in accordance with OECD Test Guideline No. 439<sup>5</sup>”. In the fourth sentence, delete “*in vitro*”. At the end, add the following new sentence: “If the test results indicate that the substance or mixture is corrosive, but the test method does not allow discrimination between packing groups, it shall be assigned to packing group I if no further tests indicate a different result.”.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2019–2020 approved by the Committee at its ninth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 141 and ST/SG/AC.10/46, paragraph 14).

Add a footnote<sup>5</sup> to read: “<sup>5</sup> *OECD Guideline for the testing of chemicals No. 439 “In Vitro Skin Irritation: Reconstructed Human Epidermis Test Method” 2015.*”

3. After intersessional discussion between European Commission, the Netherlands and the United States of America concerning the text of the last sentence in the draft amendments to paragraph 2.8.3.2 in the report, it was acknowledged that "further" in that context could be interpreted that you might need to carry out further testing. However, it is not intended to encourage further testing.

## Proposal

4. The European Union and the Netherlands therefore suggest to make the following revision to the newly introduced sentence at the end of the paragraph 2.8.3.2 (~~stricken out~~ text is deleted, **bold** text is added):

“If the test results indicate that the substance or mixture is corrosive, but the test method does not allow discrimination between packing groups, it shall be assigned to packing group I if no ~~further tests~~ **other test results** indicate a different ~~result~~ **packing group.**”

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