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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**

**Thirty-eighth session**

Geneva, 11-13 December 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

 Agenda for the thirty-eighth session

 Addendum

 List of documents and annotations

 1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/75 Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighthsession

 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/75/Add.1 List of documents and annotations

 Background documents (Secretariat)

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| ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.8 | Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), eighth revised edition |
| ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.21 | Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, twenty-first revised edition  |
| ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7 | Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74 | Report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/110 and Add.1 | Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of Dangerous Goods on its fifty-fifth session |

 2. Classification criteria and related hazard communication

 (a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/11 (France) | Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solidsimprovement regarding consideration for particle size, friable or coated materials |

At its fifty-sixth session, the TDG Sub-Committee will consider issues related to the GHS under item 10 of its provisional agenda (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/111/Add.1)[[1]](#footnote-2). Any additional documents submitted for consideration by the TDG Sub-Committee related to the documents listed above or addressing any other matter of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee will be circulated as informal documents for the fifty-sixth session of the TDG Sub-Committee[[2]](#footnote-3).

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the TDG Sub-Committee on all matters of interest to the Sub-Committee.

 (b) Review of Chapter 2.1

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/10 (Sweden) | Review of GHS Chapter 2.1 GHS (explosives): status report on the development of an extended classification system |

 (c) Use of non-animal testing methods for classification of health hazards

The experts from the Netherlands and the United Kingdom will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group on the use of animal testing methods for the classification of health hazards since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 26).

 (d) Practical classification issues

The expert from the United States of America will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraphs 27-31).

 (e) Aspiration hazard

The representative of IPPIC will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the on-going work on the development of a suitable viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 32).

 (f) Nanomaterials

The expert from France will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work on this issue. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 33).

 (g) Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards

The expert from Germany will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraph 34).

 (h) Other issues

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/9 (Secretariat) | References to the Model Regulations, numbering of criteria in tables 2.3.1 and 3.2.2, correction to Annex 7 (example 10) and design of decision logics |

 3. Hazard communication

 (a) Practical labelling issues

The representative of CEFIC will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraphs 36-40).

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

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/12 (United Kingdom) | Proposed changes to Annex 1 of the GHS |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/15 (United Kingdom) | Corrections and amendments to Annex 3, sections 2 and 3 |

 (c) Review of Annex 4, sub-section A4.3.3.2.3

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

 (d) Other issues

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/8 (Secretariat) | Corrections to hazard statements H410, H411 and H412 |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/13 (Australia, Canada) | Proposed clarification for the heading of section 9 of the Safety Data Sheet |

 4. Implementation of the GHS

 (a) Possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

The experts from Canada and the United States of America will be invited to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its thirty-seventh session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/74, paragraphs 56-58).

 (b) Reports on the status of implementation

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

 (c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/14 (OECD) | Review and update of references to OECD guidance documents and test guidelines in the GHS |

 (d) Miscellaneous

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

 5. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

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

 6. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations will be invited to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

 7. Other business

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

 8. Adoption of the report

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

1. http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3inf56.html. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)