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| **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goodsand on the Globally Harmonized System of Classificationand Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally HarmonizedSystem of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals** **19 September** **2022****Forty-third session**Geneva, 7-9 December 2022 Item 3 (h) of the provisional agenda**Work on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statementsrationalization of precautionary statements** |

 Proposed amendments to precautionary statements in Annex 3 due to the respiratory sensitization hazard class

 Transmitted by the experts from the United Kingdom on behalf of the informal working group on improving annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the GHS

This informal document sets out the changes proposed in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2022/16. Existing (unchanged) text is shown in black, deleted text is shown in ~~strikethrough~~, with new text shown in **blue bold** text.

Where a new respiratory sensitization entry receives exactly the same conditions for use (column 5) to that of another hazard class listed in an adjacent entry either above or below the new entry in the table, this is shown as a merged entry in column 5 of the table for these hazard classes in black text.

Where an existing merged conditions of use (column 5) entry has been split to allow for a new line entry for respiratory sensitization where no conditions for use are to be included, these conditions for use entries and the original text remains unchanged but is shown in red text.

**Annex 3, Section 2**

**CODIFICATION AND USE OF PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

A3.2.4.4 Where square brackets [...] appear around some text in a precautionary statement, this indicates that the text in square brackets is not appropriate in every case and should be used only in certain circumstances. In these cases, conditions for use explaining when the text should be used are given in column (5) of the tables. ~~For example, P284 states: “~~**~~[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection~~**~~.” This statement is given with the condition for use “–~~ *~~text in square brackets may be used if additional information is provided with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use~~*~~”. The application of the condition for use should be interpreted as follows: If additional information is provided with the chemical explaining what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use, the text in square brackets may be used. In this case, the statement would read: “~~**~~In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection~~**~~.” However, if the chemical is supplied without such information, the text in square brackets should not be used, and the precautionary statement should read: “~~**~~Wear respiratory protection~~**~~.”~~ **P264 states: “**Wash hands [and **...]** thoroughly after handling.**”. This statement is given with the condition for use: “*- text in square brackets to be used when the manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority specify other parts of the body to be washed after handling*. The application of the condition for use should be interpreted as follows: If additional information is provided with the chemical explaining what other part(s) of the body is to be washed following handling, then the text in brackets is to be used followed by the name of the relevant body part(s). However, if other part(s) of the body do not need to be specified, the text in square brackets should not be used, and the precautionary statement should read: “**Wash hands thoroughly after handling**.”.**

**Table A3.2.2: Prevention precautionary statements**

| **Code** | **Prevention precautionary statements** | **Hazard class** | **Hazard category** | **Conditions for use** |
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| **(1)** | **(2)** | **(3)** | **(4)** | **(5)** |
| P233 | Keep container tightly closed. | Flammable liquids (chapter 2.6) | 1, 2, 3 | *– if the liquid is volatile and may generate an explosive atmosphere.* |
| Pyrophoric liquids (chapter 2.9) | 1 |  |
| Pyrophoric solids (chapter 2.10) | 1 |  |
| Desensitized explosives (chapter 2.17) | 1, 2, 3, 4 |  |
| Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2, 3  | *– if the chemical is volatile and may generate a hazardous atmosphere.* |
| **Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)** | **1, 1A, 1B**  |  |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; respiratory tract irritation (chapter 3.8) | 3 | *– if the chemical is volatile and may generate a hazardous atmosphere.* |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; narcotic effects (chapter 3.8) | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| P260 | **Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.** | Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2 | Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**. |
| **Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)** | **1, 1A, 1B** |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure (chapter 3.8) | 1, 2 |
| Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure (chapter 3.9) | 1, 2 |
| Skin corrosion (chapter 3.2) | 1, 1A, 1B, 1C | – specify do not breathe dusts or mists– if inhalable particles *of dusts or mists* may occur during use. |
| Reproductive toxicity, effects on or via lactation (chapter 3.7) | Additional category |
| P261 | **Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.** | Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 3, 4 | – *may be omitted if P260 is given on the label.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable conditions. |
| ~~Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)~~ | ~~1, 1A, 1B~~ |
| Skin sensitization (chapter 3.4) | 1, 1A, 1B |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; respiratory tract irritation (chapter 3.8) | 3 |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; narcotic effects (chapter 3.8) | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| P271 | Use only outdoors or ~~in a well-ventilated area~~ with adequate ventilation. | Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2, 3, 4 | **Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers.** |
| **Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)** | **1, 1A, 1B** |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; respiratory tract irritation (chapter 3.8) | 3 |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; narcotic effects (chapter 3.8) | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| P280 | **Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...** | Explosives (chapter 2.1) | 1, 2A, 2B, 2C | Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify the appropriate personal protective equipment. |
| Flammable gases (chapter 2.2) | 1A, Pyrophoric gas |
| Flammable liquids (chapter 2.6) | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Flammable solids (chapter 2.7) | 1, 2 |
| Self-reactive substances and mixtures (chapter 2.8) | Types A, B, C, D, E, F |
| Pyrophoric liquids (chapter 2.9) | 1 |
| Pyrophoric solids (chapter 2.10) | 1 |
| Self-heating substances and mixtures (chapter 2.11) | 1, 2 |
| Substances and mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (chapter 2.12) | 1, 2, 3 |
| Oxidizing liquids (chapter 2.13) | 1, 2, 3 |
| Oxidizing solids (chapter 2.14) | 1, 2, 3 |
| Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15) | Types A, B, C, D, E, F |
| Desensitized explosives (chapter 2.17) | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Acute toxicity, dermal (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2, 3, 4 | *– Specify protective gloves/clothing.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate. |
| Skin corrosion (chapter 3.2) | 1, 1A, 1B, 1C | *– Specify protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate. |
| Skin irritation (chapter 3.2) | 2 | *– Specify protective gloves.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate. |
| Skin sensitization (chapter 3.4) | 1, 1A, 1B |
| Serious eye damage (chapter 3.3) | 1 | *- Specify protective gloves and eye/face protection.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate. |
| Eye irritation (chapter 3.3) | 2/2A |
| **Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)** | **1, 1A, 1B** | ***– Specify protective gloves/clothing.*****Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate.** |
| Germ cell mutagenicity (chapter 3.5) | 1, 1A, 1B, 2 | Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify the appropriate personal protective equipment. |
| Carcinogenicity (chapter 3.6) | 1, 1A, 1B, 2 |
| Reproductive toxicity (chapter 3.7) | 1, 1A, 1B, 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| P284 | **~~[~~In case of inadequate ventilation~~]~~ wear respiratory protection.** | Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2 | ~~–~~ *~~text in square brackets may be used if additional information is provided with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use.~~*~~Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify equipment.~~**Manufacturer/supplier to specify on the safety data sheet what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use and provide additional information with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of respiratory equipment may also be needed.** |
| Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4) | 1, 1A, 1B |

**Table A3.2.4: Storage precautionary statements**

| **Code** | **Storage precautionary statements** | **Hazard class** | **Hazard category** | **Conditions for use** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(1)** | **(2)** | **(3)** | **(4)** | **(5)** |
| P403 | Store in a well-ventilated place. | Flammable gases (chapter 2.2) | 1A | Flammable gas |  |
| Pyrophoric gas |
| Chemically unstable gas A |
| Chemically unstable gas B |
| 1B, 2 |
| Chemicals under pressure (chapter 2.3) | 1, 2, 3 |
| Oxidizing gases (chapter 2.4) | 1 |
| Gases under pressure (chapter 2.5) | Compressed gas |
| Liquefied gas |
| Refrigerated liquefied gas |
| Dissolved gas |
| Flammable liquids (chapter 2.6) | 1, 2, 3, 4 | *– for flammable liquids Category 1 and other flammable liquids that are volatile and may generate an explosive atmosphere.* |
| Self-reactive substances and mixtures (chapter 2.8) | Types A, B, C, D, E, F | *– except for temperature controlled self-reactive substances and mixtures or organic peroxides because condensation and consequent freezing may take place.* |
| Organic peroxides (chapter 2.15) | Types A, B, C, D, E, F |
| Acute toxicity, inhalation (chapter 3.1) | 1, 2, 3 | *– if the chemical is volatile and may generate a hazardous atmosphere.* |
| **Respiratory sensitization (chapter 3.4)** | **1, 1A, 1B** |  |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; respiratory tract irritation (chapter 3.8) | 3 | *– if the chemical is volatile and may generate a hazardous atmosphere.* |
| Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; narcotic effects (chapter 3.8) | 3 |

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| **ACUTE TOXICITY – INHALATION****(CHAPTER 3.1)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 1 | Skull and crossbones | Danger | H330 | Fatal if inhaled |
| 2 | Skull and crossbones | Danger | H330 | Fatal if inhaled |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P260**Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.**Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**.P271**Use only outdoors or ~~in a well-ventilated area~~**with adequate ventilation**.****Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers.**P284**~~[~~In case of inadequate ventilation~~]~~ wear respiratory protection.***~~–~~* ~~text in square brackets may be used if additional information is provided with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use.Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify equipment.~~**Manufacturer/supplier to specify on the safety data sheet what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use and provide additional information with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of respiratory equipment may also be needed.** | P304 + P340**IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.**P316**Get emergency medical help immediately.**Competent Authority or manufacturer / supplier may add, ‘Call’ followed by the appropriate emergency telephone number, or the appropriate emergency medical help provider, for example, a Poison Centre, Emergency Centre or Doctor.P320**Specific treatment is urgent (see ... on this label)**– *if immediate administration of antidote is required*.... Reference to supplemental first aid instruction. | P403 + P233**Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.**– *if the chemical is volatile* *and may generate a hazardous atmosphere.*P405**Store locked up.** | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...** ... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

**Annex 3, Section 3, Matrix of precautionary statements by hazard class/category**

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| **ACUTE TOXICITY – INHALATION****(CHAPTER 3.1)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 3 | Skull and crossbones | Danger | H331 | Toxic if inhaled |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P261**Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray**.*– may be omitted if P260 is given on the label*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable conditions.P271**Use only outdoors or ~~in a well-ventilated area~~**with adequate ventilation**.****Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers.** | P304 + P340**IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.** P316**Get emergency medical help immediately.**Competent Authority or manufacturer / supplier may add, ‘Call’ followed by the appropriate emergency telephone number, or the appropriate emergency medical help provider, for example, a Poison Centre, Emergency Centre or Doctor.P321**Specific treatment (see ... on this label)**– *if immediate specific measures are required*.... Reference to supplemental first aid instruction.  | P403 + P233**Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.**– *if the chemical is volatile* *and may* *generate a hazardous atmosphere.*P405**Store locked up.**  | P501**Dispose of content/container to…** … in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **ACUTE TOXICITY – INHALATION****(CHAPTER 3.1)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 4 | Exclamation mark | Warning | H332 | Harmful if inhaled |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P261**Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.***– may be omitted if P260 is given on the label*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable conditions.P271**Use only outdoors or ~~in a well-ventilated area~~**with adequate ventilation**.****Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers**. | P304 + P340**IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.**P317**Get medical help.** |  |  |

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| **SENSITIZATION – RESPIRATORY****(CHAPTER 3.4)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 1, 1A, 1B | Health hazard | Danger | H334 | May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| **P233**Keep container tightly closed.**P260Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable physical state(s).**~~P261~~**~~Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.~~***~~– may be omitted if P260 is given on the label~~*~~Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable conditions.~~**P271Use only outdoors or** with adequate ventilation**.****Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers**.**P280Wear protective gloves/protective clothing.Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority may further specify type of equipment where appropriate.**P284**~~[~~In case of inadequate ventilation~~]~~ wear respiratory protection.***~~–~~* ~~text in square brackets may be used if additional information is provided with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use.Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify equipment.~~**Manufacturer/supplier to specify on the safety data sheet what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use and provide additional information with the chemical at the point of use that explains what type of respiratory equipment may also be needed.** | P304 + P340**IF INHALED: remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.**P342 + P316**If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Get emergency medical help immediately.**Competent Authority or manufacturer / supplier may add, ‘Call’ followed by the appropriate emergency telephone number, or the appropriate emergency medical help provider, for example, a Poison Centre, Emergency Centre or Doctor. | **P403****Store in a well-ventilated place.** | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...** ... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE)****(CHAPTER 3.8)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 1  | Health hazard | Danger | H370 | Causes damage to organs <...> <<...>> |
|  |  |  | <...> *(or state all organs affected if known)* |
|  |  |  | <<...>> *(state route of exposure if it is conclusively proven that no other routes of exposure cause the hazard)* |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P260**Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.**Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**.P264**Wash hands [and…] thoroughly after handling.***- text in square brackets to be used when the manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority specify other parts of the body to be washed after handling*.P270**Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.** | P308 + P316**IF exposed or concerned: Get emergency medical help immediately.**Competent Authority or manufacturer / supplier may add, ‘Call’ followed by the appropriate emergency telephone number, or the appropriate emergency medical help provider, for example, a Poison Centre, Emergency Centre or Doctor.P321**Specific treatment (see ... on this label)**­– *if immediate measures are required*.... Reference to supplemental first aid instruction. | P405**Store locked up.** | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...**... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (Single exposure)****(CHAPTER 3.8)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 2 | Health hazard | Warning | H371 | May cause damage to organs <...> <<...>> |
|  |  |  | <...> *(or state all organs affected, if known)* |
|  |  |  | <<...>> *(state route of exposure if it is conclusively proven that no other routes of exposure cause the hazard)* |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P260**Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.**Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**.P264**Wash hands [and…] thoroughly after handling.***- text in square brackets to be used when the manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority specify other parts of the body to be washed after handling*.P270**Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.** | P308 + P316**IF exposed or concerned: Get emergency medical help immediately.**Competent Authority or manufacturer / supplier may add, ‘Call’ followed by the appropriate emergency telephone number, or the appropriate emergency medical help provider, for example, a Poison Centre, Emergency Centre or Doctor. | P405**Store locked up.** | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...**... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE)****(CHAPTER 3.8)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 3 | Exclamation mark | Warning | H335 | May cause respiratory irritation |
|  |  |  | H336 | May cause drowsiness or dizziness |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P261**Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.**– *may be omitted if P260 is given on the label.*Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable conditions.P271**Use only outdoors or ~~in a well-ventilated area~~**with adequate ventilation**.****Manufacturer/supplier to specify what type of ventilation would be adequate for safe use on the safety data sheet and in any supplemental safety instructions provided to consumers.** | P304 + P340**IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.**P319**Get medical help if you feel unwell.** | P403 + P233**Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.–** *if the chemical is volatile* *and may* *generate a hazardous atmosphere.*P405**Store locked up.**  | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...** ... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE)****(CHAPTER 3.9)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 1 | Health hazard | Danger | H372 | Causes damage to organs <...> through prolonged or repeated exposure <<...>> |
|  |  |  | <...> |  *(state all organs affected, if known)* |
|  |  |  | <<...>> | *(state route of exposure if it is conclusively proven that no other routes of exposure cause the hazard)* |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P260**Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/ vapours/spray.**Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**.P264**Wash hands [and…] thoroughly after handling.***- text in square brackets to be used when the manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority specify other parts of the body to be washed after handling*.P270**Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.** | P319**Get medical help if you feel unwell.** |  | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...**... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |

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| **SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE)****(CHAPTER 3.9)** |
| **Hazard category** | **Symbol** |  | **Signal word** | **Hazard statement** |
| 2 | Health hazard | Warning | H373  | May cause damage to organs <...> through prolonged or repeated exposure <<...>> |
|  |  |  | <...> | *(state all organs affected, if known)* |
|  |  |  | <<…>> | *(state route of exposure if it is conclusively proven that no other routes of exposure cause the hazard)* |
| **Precautionary statements** |
| **Prevention** | **Response** | **Storage** | **Disposal** |
| P260**Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.**Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify applicable ~~conditions~~ **physical state(s)**. | P319**Get medical help if you feel unwell.** |  | P501**Dispose of contents/container to...**... in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations (to be specified).Manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority to specify whether disposal requirements apply to contents, container or both. |