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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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COORDINATION AND WORK PROGRAMME

Programme of OECD Task Force for biennium 2005-2006

The purpose of this paper is to provide a draft proposal for a working plan on how the programme for work activities on Health and Environmental Hazards for updating of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals during 2005-2006¹ to be undertaken by OECD Task Force may be detailed.

This draft proposal (see Table 1) lists the work activities, Sub-Committee mandate, working time-frames, expected scientific deliverables/outcomes and sub-activities so to clearly identify the working remit of the programme and ensure that work is maintained in a resource-effective manner.

The proposal may be further modified creating an additional document on work progress by identifying group experts from OECD, the Sub-Committees for GHS and TDG and industry, work events such as meetings and their dates, and progress reports/minutes on each stage of the work. Such a document may aid in co-ordinating, following the progress and increasing insight into the ongoing work for all Parties.

¹ Pending discussion of UN/SCEGHS/8/INF.7

Table 1 . Work plan for OECD Task Force work activities for the 2005-2006 biennium

Work activity	Mandate	Timeframe		Deliverables	Sub-activities ²
		Start	Complete		
Toxic Gas Mixtures	+ ³	2004 (ongoing)	end 2006	- Validate formula - Proposal for criteria	
Sensitization/induction/elicitation	+	2003	2004 (delayed)	- Cut-off limits - Proposal for criteria	
Sensitizers/strong vs. weak		2003	end 2006	- Scientific issue paper ⁴	
Cancer/potency	+	2003	end 2006	- Scientific issue paper ⁵	
Cancer/factors	+	2003	end 2006	- Proposal for criteria	
Reproduction/potency (cut-offs)	+	2003	December 2005	- Scientific issue paper - Proposal for criteria ⁶	
Chronic aquatic	+	2003	end 2006	- Scientific issue paper ⁷	
Transformation/Dissolution	+	2003	end 2006	- Reliability (phase I) ⁸ - Relevance (phase II)	
Terrestrial environment	?				
Ozone Depleting Substances	?				

² To be specified later

³ Reference and source of document identified or annexed

⁴ Has to be agreed by Sub-Committee. Expected to be completed December 2005

⁵ If agreed by Sub-Committee.

⁶ Dependent on available scientific information. Report to Sub-Committee, December 2005

⁷ Report to Sub-Committee, December 2005

⁸ Report to Sub-Committee, December 2005