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Revised draft terms of reference for the informal working group on corrosivity criteria

Transmitted by the expert of the United Kingdom on behalf of the lunch-break informal working group

- (a) Verify the definition of “skin destruction” as mentioned in the Model Regulation on the transport of dangerous goods complemented with reference to the Organisation for the Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) test guidelines. If the definition is not aligned with paragraph 3.2.2.4.1 in Chapter 3.2 of the GHS, propose appropriate improvements.
- (b) Identify **and analyse** the discrepancies between assignment to subcategories 1A, 1B and 1C, based on **in vitro and in vivo** testing and ~~the one based on theoretical~~ **alternative** approaches (bridging principles, mixtures calculations, pH...);
- (c) Identify differences in assignment to categories in lists provided by different regulations and guidance documents for ~~the most~~ **a few representative** common substances. Analyse the ~~reasons for~~ **underlying data and origin of** these differences and use these results for the work under paragraphs ~~1, 2 and 4~~ (a), (b), and (d).
- (d) Check the way OECD guidelines are referenced ~~to~~ and their relevance.
- (e) **Report findings and make recommendations that meet the need of all sectors with the aim of achieving consistent classification outcomes for skin [eye, metal] corrosivity.**