

## **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Implementation of the GHS: Implementation issues**

### **Web portal for the global list of classified chemicals correspondence group**

#### **Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America**

1. During the last GHS Sub-committee meeting, the United States of America agreed to head a small correspondence group to focus on identifying relevant issues and criteria for the possible development of a global list of classified chemicals. In order to further this effort and promote open communication, the United States has created a web portal which is accessible to members of the correspondence group.
2. Determining whether a global list should be established requires reviewing copious amounts of data and studies. The purpose of the web portal is to promote dialogue and facilitate the dissemination of information regarding existing chemical classification data.
3. Documents may be posted directly to the portal, which will serve as a central location for information to be stored. Members will also be able to send comments and discuss issues directly on the site. We hope that this forum will advance candid conversations in between GHS Sub-committee sessions that may not otherwise be possible due to the size of the group and varying domiciles of group members.
4. If you wish to be added to the list serve and receive email updates when new information is posted to the portal please email your request to Maureen Ruskin (Ruskin.Maureen[AT]dol.gov) or Stacy McGuire (McGuire.Stacy[AT]dol.gov).