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**Updating the Globally Harmonized System of
Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS):
Physical hazard**

Substances and mixtures with explosive properties which are exempted from classification as explosives: Proposal for amendment to section 2.1.3 of the GHS

**Transmitted by an informal drafting group (Germany, France,
Belgium, USA and Canada)**

In section 2.1.3 re-number the NOTE after Table 2.1.2 to NOTE 1.

In section 2.1.3 add a new Note under Table 2.1.2 with the following text:

"NOTE 2: Substances and mixtures with a positive result in test series 2 in the *UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria*, Part I, section 12, which are exempted from classification as explosives (based on their packaging [or other properties] and the results in test series 6 in the *UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria*, Part I, section 16) still have explosive properties. The user should be informed of these explosive properties in case the substance or mixture no longer meets the conditions for exemption [, e.g.] because the substance or mixture is removed from its packaging or it is repackaged. For this reason, the explosive properties of the substance or mixture should be communicated in Section 2 (Hazard identification) and Section 9 (Physical and chemical properties) of the Safety Data Sheet in accordance with Table 1.5.2, and other sections of the Safety Data Sheet, as appropriate."

(Reference document: informal document TDG/40/INF.17 – GHS/22/INF.14, and –GHS/22/INF.27 (Annex 1) as amended)