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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport  
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**Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System  
of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:  
testing of oxidizing substances****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized  
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Thirty-third session**

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**Classification criteria and related hazard communication:  
work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of  
Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS  
Sub-Committee****Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids  
improvement regarding consideration for particle size,  
friable or coated materials****Transmitted by the expert from France\*****Introduction**

1. During its ninth session the Committee approved the programme of work of its two sub-committees for the biennium 2019-2020 (see ST/SG/AC.10/46, para 14; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 139 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72 annex II). This programme of work includes the tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids.
2. This programme of work will focus on improvements concerning the testing of materials of different particle sizes or coated materials, as well as improvements to the testing methods for the Tests O.1, O.2 and O.3.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2019-2020 approved by the Committee at its ninth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 141 and ST/SG/AC.10/46, paragraph 14).

3. The proposed calendar for the work foreseen is given hereafter:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Action</i>
July 2019	Preliminary overview and results of the work (information document under drafting).
December 2019	Additional results of the work and proposal for amendments to tests descriptions.
June-July 2020	Final discussion and adoption of any agreed upon amendments.

4. The amendments should incorporate at least the following items:

- (a) Clarification on how to take into account the particle size of a solid sample;
  - (b) Clarification on how to deal with coated materials;
  - (c) Prescription for power measurement for the ignition wire in Test O.2;
  - (d) Improvement needed for the wording of the test descriptions.
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