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**Informal presentation of the changes made by the draft decision  
amending the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous  
activities for the purposes of the Convention**

*Summary*

The present informal presentation of the changes provides supporting information on the draft decision amending paragraph 5 (Location criteria) of the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the implementation of the Convention (see official document ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/4). The draft decision has been prepared by the Bureau, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation and the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, and with the support of the secretariat.

The abovementioned draft decision (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/4) sets out the proposed amendments. The informal presentation supplements the draft decision by presenting the changes to the current text of the Guidelines (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, annex II, Decision 2004/2). New text is indicated in bold type, while text that has been deleted is shown in strike-through characters.

## **Draft decision amending the guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention**

1. As a result of the proposed changes in the draft decision (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/4), paragraph 5 (a), should read as follows:
  - (a) Within 15 kilometres from the border, for activities ~~involving substances that involving hazardous substances that:~~ **(i) may cause a fire or explosion or involving toxic substances (ii) fall under category 1, 2 or 3 of part I of annex I to the Convention (including any substance mentioned in part II of annex I that has any of these properties) and** that may be released into the air in the event of an accident;
2. As a result of the proposed changes in draft decision (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/4), paragraph 5 (b), should read as follows:
  - (b) Along or within catchment areas 2/ of transboundary and border rivers, transboundary or international lakes, or within the catchment areas of transboundary groundwaters, for activities involving **hazardous** substances that fall under category ~~3, 4, 5 or 8~~ **1, 2, 3, 9, 16, 17 or 18** of part I of annex I to the Convention **(including any substance mentioned in part II of annex I that has any of these properties)** and that may be released into watercourses in the event of an accident. Whether or not such an activity is capable of causing a transboundary effect in such an event should be decided by the competent authority of the Party of origin, preferably in consultation with joint bodies. 3/ The decision should depend, among other things, on the existence of river warning and alarm systems and the distance 4/ between the location of the hazardous activity and the border.