

## COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally  
Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals  
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### DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

#### Labelling Guidance

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

1. At the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee, the Correspondence Group on Labelling provided agreed text to address issues that had been raised in their discussions regarding placement of information on labels. Issues had been raised about the relationship of transport information to information for other sectors on labels that have both on a single packaging. The Sub-Committee agreed to the following text:
  - *Where transport and other GHS information appear on a single packaging (e.g. a 200 liter drum), consideration must be given to ensuring the label elements are placed in a manner that addresses the needs of the different sectors.*
  - *Transport pictograms must convey information immediately in an emergency situation. They must be able to be seen from a distance, as well as in conditions that are smoky or otherwise partially obscure the package.*
  - *The transport-related pictograms are distinct in appearance from pictograms intended solely for non-transport purposes which helps to distinguish them.*
  - *The transport pictograms may be placed on a separate panel of a GHS label to distinguish them from the other information or may be placed adjacent to the other GHS information on the packaging.*
  - *The pictograms may be distinguished by adjusting their size. Generally speaking, the size of the non-transport pictograms should be proportional to the size of the text of the other label elements. This would generally be smaller than the transport-related pictograms, but such size adjustments should not affect the clarity or comprehensibility of the non-transport pictograms.*
2. It appears that the most appropriate place to include this agreed text is in Annex 6, which already provides examples of placement of information in various situations. In addition, it was agreed that the attached sample label would be included with the text in order to make the guidance clear. The text and sample label could be provided as Example 7, Single Packaging Using 3 Adjacent Panels to Convey Multiple Hazards.
3. The Sub-Committee discussed the possibility of developing a separate guidance document on labelling to include these and other issues, but did not agree to do so. Therefore, it appears that the work of this Correspondence Group is now completed.

4. It was also expressed that we should gain some experience in implementation of the GHS before deciding what additional guidance may be needed . As countries that have not been involved in developing the GHS implement it, we should be able to get input from them as well as to address this issue from different perspectives.
5. A formal proposal to add this information to Annex 6 will be provided for the December Sub-committee session.

**CODE**  
**PRODUCT NAME**

COMPANY NAME  
Street Address  
City, State, Zip Code, Country

Phone Number: +61 (83) 123-4567  
Emergency Phone Number: +61 (123) 456-7890

English  
DIRECTIONS FOR USE

French  
DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Spanish  
DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Net Weight: 441 lbs/200 kg  
Gross Weight: 450 lbs/202 kg

LOT Number: AAAB8CC0000  
Fill Date: JAN 2005  
Expiration Date: JAN 2005



English  
**HAZARD:** Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed. May cause liver and kidney damage. May be harmful to the environment. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame. Use only non-sparking tools. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Do not release into waterways.

**FIRST AID:**  
Eye and Skin: Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Wash with water for 20 minutes. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.

**INGREDIENTS:** DO NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 glass of water. Seek immediate medical advice.

**PRECAUTIONS:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is affected, seek medical advice.

**HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Store in original container and use according to label. Do not use air pressure to transfer. Use only non-sparking tools.

**INGREDIENTS**

Ingredient 1 (CAS# 1), Ingredient 2 (CAS# 2), Ingredient 3 (CAS# 3), Ingredient 4 (CAS# 4), Ingredient 5 (CAS# 5), Ingredient 6 (CAS# 6), Ingredient 7 (CAS# 7).

See Material Safety Data Sheet



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UNEXXX & PROPER SHIPPING NAME



MARINE POLLUTANT



PRODUCT CODE



LOT NUMBER