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**ISSUES RELATING TO THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM
OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (GHS)**

Criteria to assign packing groups to corrosive substances

Transmitted by the expert from Spain¹

Introduction

1. In order to prepare a document for the thirty-sixth session, the expert from Spain submitted a proposal in an informal document (INF.14) at the thirty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in June 2009. The result was that the Sub-Committee considered that this proposal could be discussed at the thirty-sixth session in the more general context of corrosivity criteria (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/70, para. 83).
2. In brief, paragraph 2.8.2.5 contains the criteria for assigning packing groups to corrosive substances. In order to clarify this text, a table is proposed. This table would be similar to the already existing one in 2.3.2.6, for the hazard grouping based on flammability.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2009-2010 approved by the Committee at its fourth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/68, para. 118 (i) and ST/SG/AC.10/36, para. 14).

Proposal

3. Add, after 2.8.2.5, a table summarizing the criteria of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) as follows:

Packing Group	Exposure time	Observation time	Corrosion rate on steel/aluminium
I	≤ 3 min	≤ 60 min	-
II	> 3 min ≤ 60 min	≤ 14 d	-
III	> 60 min ≤ 4 h	≤ 14 d	> 6.25 mm a year at a test temperature of 55°C
