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Explosives and related matters: Desensitized explosives

Report of the working group on desensitised explosives

Transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group

1. The group met under the chairmanship of Mr. de Jong (Netherlands) to discuss documents .../C.3/2012/28 – .../C.4/2012/1 and .../41/INF.38 – .../23/INF.12. Fifteen experts from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, United King, United States of America, AEISG and ICCA attended the working group.
2. In general the conclusions of the explosives working group as reflected in .../INF.67, paragraph 6 were confirmed. The following conclusions were agreed upon:
3. The group confirmed that a new chapter on desensitized explosives in the GHS document is needed.
4. The group confirmed that the German methodology is a good starting point to develop a comprehensive proposal.
5. There was consensus that the properties of the mixtures, when the diluent has fallen below the specified level, need not to be included in the classification method.
6. A number of experts are considering to prepare a formal proposal to deal with the details of implementation within the GHS system in the next biennium.