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Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The Secretariat submitted a proposal for review of the Manual of Tests and Criteria to the 45th session of the TDG Sub-Committee and the 27th session of the GHS Sub-Committee (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/61-ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/8 and informal documents INF.8 (TDG) – INF.5 (GHS) and Add. 1-5).
2. Both sub-committees welcomed the secretariat's initiative but considered that due to the extent of the revision, it would not be possible to have it completed before the end of the current biennium and agreed to include it in the programme of work for 2015-2016.
3. Experts were invited to consider the proposed amendments, to identify all non-editorial issues requiring further consideration for their possible implications for other sectors or consequential amendments for the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and to communicate them to the secretariat.
4. It was agreed that the secretariat would submit to both sub-committees a proposal for the scope of the revision to be carried out and the issues to be considered during the next biennium on the basis of the comments received¹.
5. So far, the secretariat has only received one comment from the Federation of European Aerosol Associations (FEA) regarding paragraph 31.1.3 in Section 31 of the Manual. In the absence of further comments, the suggested scope for the review outlined in paragraph 6 below is in accordance with the amendments proposed by the secretariat in the documents listed in paragraph 1 of this document.

¹ See report of the TDG Sub-Committee on its 45th session (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90, paragraphs 34-37) and report of the GHS Sub-Committee on its 27th session (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/54, paragraphs 20-21).

Proposal

6. TDG and GHS sub-committees are invited to consider the following proposed scope for the revision:

Item:

Review the Manual of Test and Criteria to include the relevant references to the GHS.

Scope:

The review will address the following:

- Relationship between the Model Regulations and the GHS (e.g. TDG classes/divisions and GHS hazard classes and categories)
- References to GHS chapters and paragraphs and GHS hazard classes and categories;
- Terminology issues (e.g.: replacement of “substances” with “substances and mixtures”; “formulations” with “mixtures”, etc.)
- References to sectors covered by the GHS other than transport (e.g. storage) when relevant and appropriate

Focal point:

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The Working Group on Explosives may wish to consider the proposed amendments to the sections of the Manual dealing with testing of explosives and provide recommendations to the Sub-Committee.

Background documents: ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/61-ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/8 and informal documents INF.8 (TDG) – INF.5 (GHS) and Adds. 1-5.

The secretariat will provide an updated version of documents INF.8 (TDG) – INF.5 (GHS) and Adds. 1-5 on the basis of the text of the 6th revised edition of the Manual as soon as possible.
