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# 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** 

# Twenty-seventh session

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# Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session

# Addendum

List of documents and annotations

# 1. Adoption of the agenda

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/53	Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session
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## **Background documents (Secretariat)**

ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.5	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), fifth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.18	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, eighteenth revised edition
ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5 and Amend.1 and 2	Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, fifth revised edition and amendments 1 and 2
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-fifth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52	Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-sixth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86	Report of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its forty-third session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/88	Report of the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its forty-fourth session



# 2. Vice-Chairmanship of the Sub-Committee for 2014<sup>1</sup>

The Sub-Committee may wish to elect a new Vice-Chair for 2014 (twenty-seventh and twenty-eight sessions). Elections for the bureau for the period 2015–2016 will be held at the twenty-eight session.

#### 3. Classification criteria and related hazard communication

#### (a) Work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG):

Participants in the work of the GHS Sub-Committee who are not normally involved in the work of the TDG Sub-Committee are invited to participate in sessions of the TDG Sub-Committee when the TDG Sub-Committee is acting as GHS focal point on physical hazards (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, par. 43 (b)). At its forty-fifth session, the TDG Sub-Committee will discuss, as GHS focal point, issues relating to physical hazards probably on 30 June and 1 July 2014<sup>2</sup>.

# (i) Physical hazards

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/2 (Germany) Implementation of a new Chapter 2.17

"Desensitized Explosives" in the GHS and implementation of "Classification procedures, test methods and criteria relating to the class of desensitized explosives" in a new Part V of the

Manual of Tests and Criteria

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/4 (France) Use of cellulose in UN Test 0.2 (Test for

oxidizing liquids) and UN Test 0.3 (Test for

oxidizing solids)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/11 (IME,

SAAMI)

Correction to Figure 2.1.3: Procedure for assignment to a division in the class of

explosives

#### (ii) Other relevant issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/8 + Informal document INF.5 and –Adds1 to 5 (Secretariat) Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the

context of the GHS

The Sub-Committee may wish to note that several documents addressing the review of the Manual of Tests and Criteria have been submitted for consideration of the TDG Sub-Committee under item 2 of its provisional agenda (refer to document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/89/Add.1)<sup>3</sup>.

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the discussions of the TDG Sub-Committee on any matters of interest.

Refer to the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, paras. 52–53)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/89 for more details. Interested delegates should register for both sessions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html.

#### (b) Practical classification issues

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/10 (United States of America)

Proposals to address issues from the programme of work for the practical classification issues correspondence group

#### (c) Work of the TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/3 (Netherlands) + Informal document INF.3 Update on the work of the intersessional informal working group on corrosivity criteria

The joint (TDG-GHS) informal working group on corrosivity criteria will meet on Wednesday 2 July (afternoon) in Room XII, during the twenty-seventh session of the GHS Sub-Committee, following the opening of the session. Further details on the provisional agenda for the meeting will be circulated at a later stage as an informal document.

## (d) Dust explosion hazards

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group on dust explosion hazards since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, para.20).

#### (e) Aspiration hazard: viscosity criterion for classification of mixtures

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, para.21)

#### (f) Nanomaterials

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/9 (France)

Review the applicability of GHS to nanomaterials

#### (g) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/5 + Informal document INF.4 (United States of America) Proposal to include pyrophoric gas as a hazard category in the flammable gases hazard class of the GHS

#### 4. Hazard communication issues

#### (a) Revision of section 9 of Annex 4

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/1 (Germany) Revision of section 9 of the Safety Data Sheet

#### (b) Labelling of small packagings

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/6 (CEFIC) Labelling of small packagings

# (c) Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. The expert from the United Kingdom may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of

work of the informal correspondence group on the improvement of annexes 1 to 3 since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, paras.34-36).

#### (d) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/7 (FEA, CSPA, IPPIC, AISE)

Minor variations in hazard and precautionary

# 5. Implementation of the GHS

# (a) Development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item. The expert from the United States may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about the progress of work of the informal correspondence group since the last session. For reference, see the report of the Sub-Committee on its twenty-sixth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/52, paras. 41 and 42).

#### (b) Reports on the status of implementation

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

#### (c) Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

#### (d) Miscellaneous

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

# 6. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

# 7. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

#### 8. Other business

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

# 9. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its twenty-seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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