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**Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System
of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals: use of
the Manual of tests and criteria in the context of the
GHS**

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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Classification criteria and related hazard
communication: use of the Manual of Tests and
Criteria in the context of the GHS**

**Remarks on the use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in
the context of the GHS**

**Transmitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on Explosives of
the TDG Sub-Committee**

Introduction

1. The Committee agreed at its seventh session to review the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of GHS in accordance with the mandate described in INF.44 (TDG, 46th session) – INF.19 (GHS, 28th session).
2. A first draft was submitted by the secretariat in 2014 as documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2014/61 – ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2014/8 and informal document INF.8 (TDG, 45th session) – INF.5 (GHS, 27th session) and Add. 1–5.
3. Large parts of mentioned documents will be discussed in the Working Group on Explosives of the TDG Sub-Committee at its forthcoming session. It is anticipated that the Working Group will start with a general discussion on principles and terminology used throughout the whole Manual. Once these issues are discussed till conclusion, recommendations will be made in the report to the plenary meetings of TDG and GHS.
4. Many of the experts regularly attending the Working Group deal in their everyday practice not only with the transport issues, but also with storage, manufacturing/processing and end use. However, apart from the technical aspects, experts with experience in drafting text for GHS purposes are very much needed in these discussions as well. To accommodate those experts the day the subject of the use of the Manual in the context of GHS is discussed will be fixed.

Proposal

5. The subject of the Use of the Manual of Tests and Criteria in the context of the GHS will be discussed on Wednesday 24 June 2015.
 6. Experts regularly attending GHS meetings and wanting to contribute to the discussions in the working group are encouraged to participate.*
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* Note by the secretariat : GHS experts wishing to participate in the discussions at the Working Group on Explosives should register for the 47th session of the TDG Sub-Committee (<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=qCziQ7>) .