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**Hazard communication:  
other issues**

Proposed change to Chapter 3.3 of the GHS to reflect hazard sub-categories

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom[[1]](#footnote-2)

Background

1. In taking forward work to ensure correct sub-categorisation within hazard classes in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the GHS (ST/SG/SC.10/C.4/2018/6), the informal working group on improving Annexes 1 to 3 identified the need for a minor correction in Table 3.3.5 in Chapter 3.3 ‘Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation’.

2. As this correction to Chapter 3.3 is strictly outside the terms of reference for the informal working group, it is brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee in this separate working document.

Proposal

3. To enable appropriate allocation of precautionary statements for serious eye damage/eye irritation as category 2 as well as for categories 2A and 2B (3.3.2.1.2.1), a change is needed in the heading to column 3 of Table 3.3.5 to replace the existing entry ‘2A’ with ‘2/2A’.

4. The Annex to this paper sets outs the required change. New text is shown underlined.

Action requested

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to agree the proposed change to Table 3.3.5 in Chapter 3.3, which is in line with proposed changes to sections 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 3 to the GHS, as set out in (ST/SG/SC.10/C.4/2018/6).

Annex

Chapter 3.3

Serious eye damage / eye irritation

Table 3.3.5

Label elements for serious eye damage/eye irritation a

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|  | **Category 1** | **Category 2/2A** | **Category 2B** |
| **Symbol** | Corrosion | Exclamation mark | *No symbol* |
| **Signal word** | Danger | Warning | Warning |
| **Hazard statement** | Causes serious eye damage | Causes serious eye irritation | Causes eye irritation |

1. In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2017–2018 approved by the Committee at its eighth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, para. 98 and ST/SG/AC.10/44, para. 14). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)