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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport
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**Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System
of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:
testing of oxidizing substances****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Thirty-eighth session**

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**Classification criteria and related hazard communication:
work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of
Dangerous Goods (TDG) on matters of interest to the GHS
Sub-Committee****Tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids
improvement regarding consideration for particle size,
friable or coated materials****Transmitted by the expert from France*****Introduction**

1. During its ninth session the Committee approved the programme of work of its two sub-committees for the biennium 2019-2020 (see ST/SG/AC.10/46, para 14; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 139 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72, annex II). This programme of work includes the tests for oxidizing liquids and oxidizing solids.
2. This programme of work will focus on improvements concerning the testing of materials of different particle sizes distribution and coated materials, as well as improvements to the testing methods for the Tests O.1, O.2 and O.3.
3. During the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of Dangerous Goods, France presented a proposed calendar for the work foreseen (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/20 – ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2019/4) together with an information on the work progress (see informal documents INF.44 (TDG, fifty-fifth session) – INF.16 (GHS, thirty-seventh session)).

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2019-2020 approved by the Committee at its ninth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 141 and ST/SG/AC.10/46, paragraph 14).

Information

4. At this stage France wishes to inform the Sub-Committees that the work is still ongoing. The main work covers issues related to the particle sizes of a solid sample, the friability characteristic and the coated materials. It involves the participation of thirteen laboratories from eight different countries. The experimental data are gathered and are being processed at the time of the drafting of the present document.
