

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**

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Geneva, 8-10 July 2019

Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

Hazard communication:

**Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further
rationalisation of precautionary statements**

Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

**Transmitted by the expert from United Kingdom on behalf of the
informal working group**

Introduction

1. This informal paper provides an update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of Annexes 1-3 since the 36th session of the Sub-Committee.

Background

2. The Sub-Committee agreed the group's programme of work for the 2019-2020 biennium (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/72; UN/SCEGHS/36/INF.25).

3. At the thirty-sixth session of the Sub-Committee, updates on the progress of the working group were provided in informal document UN/SCEGHS/36/INF.26 and in oral feedback from the informal working group meeting held on 6 December 2018. The Sub-Committee adopted the working groups proposals on medical response precautionary statements, consolidation of P201 and P202, and on changes to sections 2 to 4 of Annex 3.

Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, the working group has actively taken forward, via correspondence and two webinars (7 March and 23 May 2019), several items on its work programme. The outcomes include the following working and informal documents submitted by the UK on behalf of the working group, for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its 37th session in July 2019:

- ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-2 and informal document UN-SCEGHS-37-INF.3 Rev.1 - 'Proposed changes to Annex 1';
- ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-3 and informal document UN-SCEGHS-37-INF.4 - 'Proposed changes to the presentation of flammable gas categories and sub-categories in Annex 3'.

- Informal document INF.23 (37th session) – “Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group” [this paper]

5. The informal working group is currently progressing several other issues including: the conditional use of precautionary pictograms conveying the message ‘Keep out of reach of children’ (P102); possible ways to improve the precautionary statement P501 on disposal / recycling of waste; and reviewing combination statements in Annex 3.

6. The working group will meet during the thirty-seventh session of the Sub-Committee to further discuss items on its work plan. The meeting is scheduled from 17:30 to 19:00 on Monday 8 July 2019, and the Sub-Committee will receive an oral update in the 37th session.

Draft Agenda for the Revision of Annex 1-3 informal working group meeting

8th July 2019 (17:30-19:00; Room S4)

- 1. Welcome to participants**
 - 2. Review and adoption of the agenda**
 - 3. Brief consideration of documents tabled for discussion by the Sub-committee at GHS 37**
 - ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-2 and informal document UN-SCEGHS-37-INF.3 Rev.1 - 'Proposed changes to Annex 1';
 - ST-SG-AC.10-C.4-2019-3 and informal document UN-SCEGHS-37-INF.4 - 'Proposed changes to the presentation of flammable gas categories and sub-categories in Annex 3'.
 - Informal document INF.23 (37th session) – “Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group”
 - 4. Further consideration for conditions of use for P102 “Keep out of reach of children” precautionary pictogram**
 - 5. Thought starter on proposed minor corrections in Annex 3**
 - 6. Any other business**
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