



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 Transport of Dangerous Goods

Fifty-seventh session

Geneva, 30 November-8 December 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Revised provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session*, **, ***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10:00 on Monday 30 November to 8 December 2020

Note by the secretariat: Due to the risks related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus and the related containment measures implemented worldwide such as travel restrictions and lock-downs, the fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Committee initially scheduled in June/July, was postponed until November/December at the dates initially scheduled for the fifty-eighth session (30 November-8 December).

Unless they are withdrawn by the authors, all documents initially submitted for consideration in June/July, i.e.: official documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/1 to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/58 and related informal documents, will be automatically placed on the agenda for the November/December session. Following-up to the online informal discussions held in June/July, some proposals may need to be modified to take account of the comments received. Authors are invited to submit the revised proposals as an addendum (Add.1) to the original document. The addendum should not reproduce the contents of the original document but include only some background information on the rationale for the proposed changes together with the modified proposal. The changes to the original proposal should be indicated.

* Annotations to the agenda will be circulated as document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/113/Rev.1/Add.1. The deadline for submission of documents is 4 September 2020.

** For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3age.html>). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

*** Delegates are requested to register online at: https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=f7S_m9. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 72106). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see the website (www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

When a full review of the original document is needed, authors are invited to submit a consolidated revised version of the original document (Rev.1) together with a marked-up copy showing all changes made to the original document.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee at its fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions and pending issues:
 - (a) Review of draft amendments already adopted during the biennium;
 - (b) Explosives and related matters;
 - (i) Review of test series 6;
 - (ii) Improvement of test series 8;
 - (iii) Review of tests in parts I, II and III of the Manual of Tests and Criteria;
 - (iv) “UN” standard detonators;
 - (v) Review of packing instructions for explosives;
 - (vi) Application of security provisions to explosives N.O.S.;
 - (vii) Test N.1 for readily combustible solids;
 - (viii) Review of Chapter 2.1 of the GHS;
 - (ix) Energetic samples;
 - (x) Issues related to the definition of explosives;
 - (xi) Review of packaging and transport requirements for ANEs;
 - (xii) Miscellaneous.

After preliminary consideration in the plenary most of the questions under (b) above will be referred to a working group on explosives that will meet in parallel. At its fiftieth session, the Sub-Committee felt that the involvement of experts from sectors other than transport in the work of the working group on explosives was highly desirable and expressed the wish that more experts from other sectors would attend its sessions¹.

3. Listing, classification and packing.
4. Electric storage systems:
 - (a) Testing of lithium batteries;
 - (b) Hazard-based system for classification of lithium batteries;
 - (c) Transport provisions;
 - (d) Damaged or defective lithium batteries;
 - (e) Sodium-ion batteries;
 - (f) Miscellaneous.
5. Transport of gases:
 - (a) Global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles;
 - (b) Miscellaneous.
6. Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:
 - (a) Marking and labelling;
 - (b) Packagings;

¹ See ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, para. 91.

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- (c) Fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) portable tanks;
 - (d) Portable tanks (other than FRP);
 - (e) Other miscellaneous proposals.
7. Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations with the Model Regulations.
 8. Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.
 9. Guiding principles for the Model Regulations.
 10. New proposals².
 11. Issues relating to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS):

To facilitate participation of interested GHS Sub-Committee delegates, the TDG Sub-Committee will consider all matters relating to the GHS on Monday 7 December. GHS Sub-Committee delegates interested in participating in these discussions should register for the TDG Sub-Committee session³.

These matters will include:

 - (a) Review of Chapter 2.1;
 - (b) Clarification of 2.9.3.4.3.4 of the Model Regulations and 4.1.3.3.4 of the GHS;
 - (c) Testing of oxidizing substances;
 - (d) Chemicals under pressure;
 - (e) Updating of references to OECD Guidelines;
 - (f) Simultaneous classification in physical hazards and precedence of hazards;
 - (g) Miscellaneous;
 12. Programme of work for the biennium 2021-2022.
 13. Draft Resolution 2021/... of the Economic and Social Council.
 14. Election of officers for the biennium 2021-2022.
 15. Other business.
 16. Adoption of the report.
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² Documents addressing matters not previously considered by the Sub-Committee during the biennium 2019-2020.

³ https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=f7S_m9.