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Item 3 (i) of the provisional agenda

**Classification criteria and related hazard communication:  
other issues**

Review of the decision logics

Note by the secretariat[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

Addendum

Introduction

1. During the informal consultations held in July in preparation of the December session, some delegations proposed minor amendments to the current text of the decision logics and corrections to mistakes unintentionally introduced in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3. The present document takes account of these comments.

Amendments to decision logics 3.10.1 and 4.1.3 (b)

Decision logic 3.10.1

2. The expert from the United States of America proposed to align the text in the last text box of the decision logic with that of the criteria for Category 2, by inserting a reference to note 2 to table 3.10.1. The proposal is shown below.

Proposal

3. In decision logic 3.10.1, add “(see note 2 to table 3.10.1)” at the end of the sentence “Is there evidence causing concern…measured at 40°C?”, on the last text box of the decision logic.

Decision logic 4.1.3 (b)

4. The expert from the Netherlands indicated that the reference to “or other equivalent ECx” in relation to the “no observed effect concentration” (NOEC) was missing in decision logic 4.1.3 (b) and proposed to align it with the criteria in Chapter 4.1 (see for instance paragraph 4.1.1.4 and Table 4.1.1 (b)(i) and (b)(ii))). The proposal is shown below.

Proposal

5. In decision logic 4.1.3 (b), replace (five times) “NOEC” by “NOEC or ECx”.

*Consequential amendments: References to NOEC also appear in Table 4.1.1 (c) (“safety net classification”); 4.1.2.7; table 4.1.2 (category 4); table 4.1.5; A9.1.10 (a); A9.3.3.2.3 (c); A9.3.3.2.4; A9.3.4.3; A9.3.5.8; A9.7.5.1.2; A9.7.5.2.4.2; A9.7.5.3.3.3; and Figure A9.7.1.*

*The Sub-Committee is invited to indicate whether these references to NOEC should also be modified accordingly.*

Corrections to the decision logics in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2020/3

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the following corrections:

Decision logic 2.3.1 (c)

The correction does not apply to the English version.

Decision logic 3.1.1

Delete the arrow from the first text box “Substance” to the box “mixture”.

Decision logic 3.1.2

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Decision logic 3.4.1

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Decision logic 3.4.2

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The correction to sub-paragraph (a) in the French version does not apply to the English version.

Decision logic 3.5.1

In the row coming down from the second to the third text box, *replace* Yes *with* No.

Decision logic 3.8.1

*Replace* Classification impossible *with* Not classified.

Decision logic 4.1.1

In the decision logic for mixtures starting with “can bridging principles be applied?”, in the horizontal arrow leading to “Acute 1” classification *replace* No *with* Yes.

1. \* 2020 (A/74/6 (Sect.20) and Supplementary, Subprogramme 2). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)