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**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Twenty-third session**

Geneva, 4 – 6 July 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Provisional agenda for the twenty-third session****Addendum****List of document and annotations****1. Adoption of the agenda**

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/45 | Provisional agenda for the twenty-third session |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/45/Add.1 | List of documents and annotations |
| INF.8 | Provisional timetable for the meetings of the TDG and/or GHS working groups |

Background documents (Secretariat)

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| ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.4 | Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), fourth revised edition |
| ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.17 | Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, seventeenth revised edition |
| ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.5 and Amend.1 | Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, fifth revised edition and amendment 1 to the 5 th revised edition |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/42 | Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS on its twenty- first session |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/44 | Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS on its twenty- second session |

2. Updating of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

(a) Physical hazards

(i) *Explosives and related matters*

The Working Group on Explosives of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee) and a working group on desensitized explosives will meet during the TDG Sub-Committee's session. Experts from the GHS Sub-Committee may wish to participate in the meeting of these working groups¹ which will consider, in addition to the documents listed below, those included under item 2 of the TDG Sub-Committee's agenda for the forty-first session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/81/Add.1). For details about the time and location of the meetings refer to INF.8. A summary report on the outcome of the work of both working groups will be provided to the Sub-Committee during the session.

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/1 (ICCA) | Classification of desensitized explosives for the purposes of supply and use: test results on industrial nitrocellulose |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/4 (Germany, United States of America, Canada) | Substances and mixtures with explosive properties which are exempted from classification as explosives |

(ii) *Dust explosion hazards*

The GHS working group on dust explosion hazards will meet on Tuesday 3 July, following the plenary session of the TDG Sub-Committee (for details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8). The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the meeting of the working group during the session.

(iii) *Self-reactive substances and organic peroxides*

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/3 (ICCA) | Amendments to decision logic for self-reactive substances and organic peroxides |
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(iv) *Water-reactivity*

The TDG Sub-Committee's working group on classification and testing of water-reactive substances will meet on Tuesday 3 July. Experts from the GHS Sub-Committee may wish to participate in the meeting of the working group². For details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8.

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/2 (France) + INF.4 (France) | Improvement of test method N.5 for substances which in contact with water emit flammable gases |
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¹ Refer to the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/44, paras. 9–10).

² Refer to the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/44, paras. 11–13).

(vi) Miscellaneous proposals

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| INF.6 (Sweden) | Editorial corrections to Chapter 2.3 (aerosols) |
| INF.7 (Sweden) | Editorial correction to Chapter 2.1 (Figure 2.1.3) |

(b) Health hazards

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the progress made by the working group on the revision of Chapters 3.2 and 3.3 since the last session and during the two meetings of the working group which have been scheduled during the twenty-third session (for details about the time and location of the meetings refer to INF.8).

(c) Environmental hazards

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

(d) Annexes

The Sub-Committee will be informed about the progress made by the working group on the improvement of annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the GHS since the last session and during the meeting which has been scheduled during the twenty-third session (for details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8).

(e) Miscellaneous proposals

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/5 (Sweden) | Corrections to Chapter 4.1, Annex 1 and Annex 9 |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/7 (United Kingdom) | Corrections to hazard and precautionary statements |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/8 (Canada) | Corrections to the hazard statements for serious eye damage/eye irritation in Annex 3 (French version) |
| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/9 (Canada) | Correction to hazard statements in Chapter 2.8 (French version) |

3. Hazard communication issues

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| INF.3 (Argentina) | Fire extinguishers |
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The Sub-Committee will be informed about the progress achieved since the last session by the working groups on the revision of section 9 of Annex 4 (Safety Data Sheets); Hazard communication in the supply/use sector for substances and mixtures “corrosive to metals”; and labelling of small packagings.

Meetings of each of these groups have been scheduled during the twenty-third session (for details about the time and location of each of the meetings refer to INF.8). A progress report on their outcome will be provided to the Sub-Committee during the session.

4. Implementation of the GHS**(a) Implementation issues***(i) Development of a list of chemicals classified according to the GHS*

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| ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2012/10 (United States of America) | Proposal to establish guiding principles for developing a global list of classified chemicals |
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The working group on the possible development of a list of chemicals classified according to the GHS will meet during the twenty-third session. For details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8.

(ii) *Practical classification issues*

A meeting of the working group has been scheduled during the twenty-third session (for details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8). The Sub-Committee will be informed about the outcome of the work of the working group.

(b) **Reports on the status of implementation**

INF.5 (European Union) Classification and Labelling Inventory

Other experts, observers and organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee about progress in the GHS implementation in their respective countries or areas of work.

(c) **Cooperation with other bodies or international organizations**

The TDG-GHS working group on corrosivity criteria will held its second meeting³ on Wednesday 4 July (for details about the time and location of the meeting refer to INF.8).

The Sub-Committee will also be informed about the outcome of the work of the TDG Sub-Committee during its forty-first session on any matters of interest to the GHS Sub-Committee.

(d) **Miscellaneous**

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

5. Development of guidance on the application of GHS criteria

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

6. Capacity building

Experts, observers and international organizations may wish to inform the Sub-Committee of any capacity-building activities or projects undertaken in relation to the GHS.

7. Other business

At the time of writing no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

8. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its twenty-third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

³ Refer to the report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on its twenty-second session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/44, paras. 40–41).