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**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**
(First session, 9-11 July 2001,
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**REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS
(NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs))**

Request by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Note by the secretariat

1. Reference is made to document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/2, paras. 1. to 6.
2. The secretariat has received from EIGA a request for consultative status with the Sub-Committee, which the Sub-Committee may wish to consider.
3. EIGA has participated for more than twenty years in the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and has submitted an official request for consultative status (category II) with the Economic and Social Council. Excerpts of the documentation submitted to the ECOSOC Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations are attached.
4. The Sub-Committee may wish to note that a request from the United States of America Compressed Gas Association (CGA) has also been submitted (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/12).

APPLICATION FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

1. Name

EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL GASES ASSOCIATION (EIGA)

Classification requested: SPECIAL

2. Headquarters address

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3. Date of registration/ incorporation:

25th of April 1991 succeeding CPI registered on the 15th of December 1923

4. Type of organization

The organisation is an international organisation

5. Purpose and activities

Purpose

EIGA focuses on the safety, environmental and technical aspects of the production, distribution and use of industrial, medicinal and food gases and calcium carbide.

It is promoting general safety, health, and environmental awareness in the Industrial Gases and Calcium Carbide Industries so that occupational injury and illness is minimized; environmental damage is avoided, and continuous improvement of performance in these areas is achieved.

EIGA provides information and recommendations to local, national and international authorities and organizations for their guidance in the preparation of laws, regulations and standards which are both practical and effective.

The organization is increasingly involved in harmonization of technical and safety related standards and practices within the industry through establishing effective liaison with other international and national gas associations, and working with them to achieve international consistency.

Activities

All research, studies and technical work in EIGA is carried out in its nine standing working groups consisting of member companies' technical experts. They also prepare and issue technical documents, position papers and proposals. The Safety Advisory Group e.g. reviews accidents and identifies their causes for the purpose of providing guidance on preventing their recurrence or minimizing their consequences. The Transport group submits proposals and information papers to the UN ECOSOC and participates in the proceedings.

The Association has liaison status for many years in international standardization bodies such as ISO and CEN and participates actively in various Technical Committees.

To promote safety and stimulate its members to obtain better safety results a number of different awards schemes have been developed. The winners are highlighted at the Association's Ordinary and Annual General meetings.

The Association is organizing and arranging every second year an international symposium and congress on topics within the Association's field of activities, and makes the outcome available to its members, to the relevant national and international authorities and to the general public. The last ones were held in 1996 in Strasbourg, 1998 in Berlin and 2000 in Brussels. The EIGA Web-site is regularly updated on technical events going on in the Association.

6. Structure and decision-making process

EIGA has a Board of Directors, which constitutes the governing body. The Board elects one of its members as the Association's President for a period of two years. The Board consists of its President, representatives of the member companies, the chairmen of the two technical Councils and the General Secretary and his Deputy. The Board meets twice a year. A General Secretariat deals with legal, financial and administrative matters. Under the supervision of the Board, two technical councils (Industrial Gases and Calcium Carbide) direct the safety, regulatory and standardisation activities of various working groups in their respective field of activity.

The General Secretary and/or his Deputy participate in technical working groups of the European Union related to EIGA's field of activity.

7. Geographic membership

Individual Company Members

TOTAL: 93 Companies

Algeria:	1	Greece:	3	Portugal:	3
Austria:	4	Iceland:	1	Saudi Arabia:	1
Belgium:	5	Ireland:	1	Slovenia:	2
Denmark:	4	Italy:	9	Spain:	6
Germany:	13	Malta:	1	Sweden:	3
Finland:	4	Morocco:	1	Switzerland:	3
France:	7	Netherlands:	6	Tunisia:	1
Luxembourg:	1	Norway:	3	Turkey:	4
		oland:	1	United Kingdom:	5

Industrial Gases Associations Members

TOTAL: 16 Associations

Czechia: 1	Japan: 1	South Africa: 1
Denmark: 1	Netherlands: 1	Spain: 1
France: 1	Norway: 1	Switzerland: 1
Germany: 1	Poland: 1	United Kingdom: 1
Israel: 1	Slovenia: 1	United States: 1
Italy: 1		

8. Profile of membership

Membership of the organization is open to industrial gas companies and industrial gases associations that support the mission and objectives of the Association and as specified in the EIGA Statutes.

9. Current Officers

President of the Board of Directors:	Ron Sullam	Citizen of United Kingdom
Vice President of the Board of Directors:	Klaus Schmieder	Citizen of Germany
General Secretary:	Lars Dahlberg	Citizen of Sweden
Deputy General Secretary:	Herman Puype	Citizen of Belgium

10. Financial InformationDetails of total income and sources of funds(U.S. dollar)

Membership dues	700 325
Symposium fees	283 200
Total	983 525

Details of total expenditures

Administration	708 100
Symposium and Meetings	223 700
Total	931 800

11. Source of funds

No government contribution

12. Areas of substantive United Nations concernPast and current activities**United Nations Economic and Social Council**

The association has been participating for more than twenty years in the sessions of the **Subcommittee and Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**. The main contributions were the elaboration of the physico-chemical characteristics of gases, the development of provisions for portable tanks for refrigerated liquefied gases and in the two last biennia the provisions for multielement gas containers and high pressure gas receptacles where EIGA held the chair of the dedicated working group.

Economic Commission for Europe

EIGA has been an important contributor on all class 2 related matters in the **Inland Transport Committee**. EIGA participates for over twenty-five years in the sessions of both the **Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous goods** and the **Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**. The association was at the basis of a major review of Class 2 for the Technical Annexes of ADR and actively participated in the Working Groups.

EIGA was also substantially involved in the restructuring exercise bringing the ADR in line with the UN Recommendations.

Planned activities

United Nations Economic and Social Council

EIGA would further contribute to the development of provisions relating to the transport of gases, more specifically in the field of cryogenic receptacles in the **Subcommittee and Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**. EIGA would also like to fully contribute to the **Committees on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals** by bringing in its expertise of gases and their packaging.

Economic Commission for Europe

EIGA wants to further harmonize the provisions of the UN Recommendations and the ADR/RID by actively participating in the **Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous goods** and the **Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**.

13. Publications

The EIGA Publications Catalogue contains some 100 technical best practice documents covering a wide spectrum of activities in the areas of manufacturing, transport, storage and use of industrial gases. Every document is subject to a five-year revision procedure to ensure that the readers in the industry are updated on technical, environmental and legislative developments.
