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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**
(10-12 July 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 July 2002**

Items	Documents
1. Adoption of the agenda	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/5
2. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/11 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/20 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/21 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/22 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/23 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/24 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/25 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/26 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/27 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/1 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/3 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/4 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/5 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/6 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/8 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/9 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/10

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4. Implementation	
5. Capacity building	
6. Other business	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/11
7. Adoption of the report	

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Note 2: Documents may be consulted on the web site of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>).

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with established practice, the first item on the agenda is the adoption of the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat.

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

At its second session, the Sub-Committee considered the text of the GHS document as transmitted by the Chairman of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) Inter-organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/11 and -/2001/20 to -/2001/28). The text is available in English only, except for Part 2, but official French translations of certain parts or chapters were made available as informal documents at that session (INF.11, INF.12, INF.13, INF.14 and INF.16), available on the website of the secretariat. The Sub-Committee agreed to some changes (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, paras. 13 to 46 and annex) and the secretariat was requested to renumber the paragraphs, make formatting changes as required, make minor editorial changes in consultation with the Chairperson and the two vice-Chairpersons (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, para. 46).

Since the post of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee has not yet been filled, the secretariat could not prepare a consolidated text prior to the deadline for submission of documents. However, the secretariat should be able to finalize the consolidated text prior to this third session and intends to make it available on its website as an informal document in English only as soon as it is available. Delegations are invited to download this text and bring their own copy for the session since it might not be available before the deadline for reproduction of documents.

New proposals for modifications or editorial changes, based on the existing documents, have also been submitted as follows:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/3	(Canada, Finland and United States of America)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/4	(Belgium, Canada, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United States of America)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/5	(EIGA)
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ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/8	(EIGA)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/9	(EIGA)

In accordance with the decision of the Sub-Committee that Annex 11 (Testing of aerosols) could be deleted provided that the texts be included in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria to which reference would then be made (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, para. 32), the secretariat has prepared a proposal for amending the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria which has also been submitted to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/10).

A new document (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/1) has been submitted in relation to the initiative taken by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America to make a study to evaluate the GHS red diamond border pictograms (see also ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, para. 12).

3. Outstanding and future work

The Sub-Committee may wish to identify those parts of the GHS document which need to be completed by the end of this biennium and assign tasks accordingly. For example, many examples are missing in Parts 2 and 3.

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the work done by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in relation to the GHS since the last session.

Items to be considered for future work were also included in the original GHS proposal (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/28) and new documents have been submitted as follows:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/2 (Canada, Finland and United States of America)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/7 (EIGA)

4. Implementation

The Sub-Committee, at its second session, was provided with written or oral information on plans for implementation of the GHS in New Zealand, the European Union, Australia, Brazil and Greece (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, paras. 54-60). Information on possible implementation through international instruments was also provided by the secretariat, IMO and the expert from Germany (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/4, paras. 61-64). Experts, observers and international organizations concerned may wish to provide new, supplementary or additional information to the Sub-Committee. In such case, it is recommended to transmit such information to the secretariat in writing prior to the session.

5. Capacity building

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

6. Other business

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider an application for consultative status submitted by the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2002/11).

7. Adoption of the report

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

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