

INTRODUCTION TO THE GHS SUB-COMMITTEE WORK, UPDATES (IN GENERAL) AND LATEST UPDATES (REV10 - REV11)

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GHS SUB-COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

- GHS updating, promoting its understanding and use, encourage feedback; making it available for worldwide use and application; and providing guidance on application and interpretation and use of the criteria to support consistency of application

GHS Sub-Committee focal points:

- Physical hazards: ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the transport of dangerous goods (TDG Sub-Committee)
- Health and environmental hazards: OECD
- Hazard communication: ILO
- Training and capacity building: UNITAR/ILO

GHS SUB-COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP

36 full members

- Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kindgom, United States of America and Zambia

Observers

- UN member States that did not apply for full membership
- NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC or the Sub-Committee
- United Nations entities (UNITAR, ILO, UNEP...); intergovernmental organisations (OECD) and regional groups (e.g. European Union)

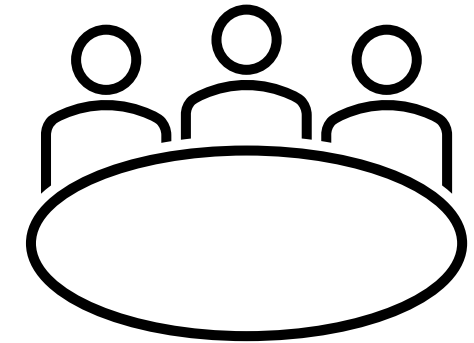
GHS SUB-COMMITTEE: PARTICIPATION

- Participation from UN member states from under-represented regions (Latin America, Africa and Asia) is encouraged
- It will would give them the possibility:
 - To be involved in the discussions on all the proposals submitted for consideration by the Sub-Committee
 - To benefit from the experience of a large number of experts on implementation issues at national at regional level
 - To make the Sub-Committee aware of specific challenges and difficulties encountered with implementation in their country/region and get technical support and advice to address them
 - To inform the Sub-Committee about progress with GHS implementation in their country/region



GHS SUB-COMMITTEE WORK

- 2-year cycle (current cycle: 2025-2026)
- In-person meetings, twice a year (July/December) in Geneva
 - [Calendar of meetings for 2025](#)
- Programme of work (2025-2026):
 - see Annex III to document [ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/94](#)
- The consolidated list of amendments to the GHS adopted by the Sub-Committee during a 2-year cycle is published at the end of each biennium: (for 2023-2024, see [ST/SG/AC.10/52/Add.3](#))
- Latest available revised edition: [Rev.10 \(2023\)](#)
- Forthcoming revised edition: GHS Rev.11 (expected to become available by June 2025)



MAIN UPDATES FROM GHS REV.10 TO REV.11

- Aerosols (chapter 2.3) and Desensitized explosives (chapter 2.17):
 - Amendments to further clarify existing criteria
- Skin sensitization (chapter 3.4)
 - New guidance to allow classification using non-animal methods
- Extended scope for chapter 4.2
 - Renamed hazard class: from «hazardous to the ozone layer» to «hazardous to the atmospheric system»
 - New hazard category for «hazardous by contributing to global warming»
- Precautionary statements (PS):
 - Changes for PS dealing with information related to «specific treatment»/«get medical help»
- Annex 7: minor changes to the examples for further clarity
- Annex 11: new guidance addressing identification of «simple asphyxiants»

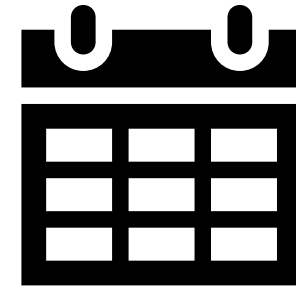
PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025-2026

- Use of non-animal methods for classification of health and environmental hazards
- Classification criteria for germ cell mutagenicity (chapter 3.5)
- Practical classification issues
- Simultaneous classification in physical hazard classes and precedence of hazards
- Potential hazard issues and their presentation in the GHS
- Practical labelling issues
- Improvement of annexes 1 to 3 and further rationalization of precautionary statements
- Hazardous to the atmospheric system (chapter 4.2)
- Assessing the possible development of a list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS
- Development of examples illustrating application of criteria and related hazard communication issues

(for details on the workplan for each of the items refer to annex III to document [ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/94](#))

NEXT MEETINGS

- GHS Sub-Committee (48th session): 7-9 July 2025
 - <https://unece.org/info/events/event/391043>
- GHS Sub-Committee (49th session): 3-5 December 2025
 - <https://unece.org/info/events/event/397660>





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