

## **Appendix E1**

**Meetings of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of  
Classification and Labelling of Chemicals Relevant to Subcategorization of Skin Sensitizers**

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Meeting Date	Excerpt of Meeting Minutes Relevant to Skin Sensitization
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 12-14, 2006</b></p>	<p><i>Strong versus weak sensitizers</i>  <u>Document</u>: ST/SG/AC.10/C.4.2006/16, <i>Strong vs. weak sensitizers</i><sup>2</sup> (See <b>Appendix E2</b>)</p> <p>26. The Sub-Committee took note of the progress of work on strong versus weak sensitizers and agreed to defer the decision to the next session, when the results of the WHO/IPCS international workshop on skin sensitization risk assessment to be held in October 2006 are available.</p>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Meeting December 12-14, 2006</b></p>	<p><i>Strong versus weak sensitizers</i>  <u>Informal document</u>: UN/SCEGHS/12/INF.16 (OECD), <i>Progress report on OECD work since the last Sub-Committee meeting</i><sup>3</sup> (See <b>Appendix E3</b>)</p> <p>11. The Sub-Committee took note of the decision of the OECD expert group to restart the work on the development of a proposal for classification of strong versus weak sensitizers and decided to keep this item on its programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008 (see annex 2).</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting reports can be obtained at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4rep.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42006.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf12.html>

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<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>  <b>July 9-10, 2007</b></p>	<p><b><i>Strong versus weak sensitizers</i></b></p> <p>27. The representative of the OECD updated the Sub-Committee about progress on the development of classification criteria for strong and weak sensitizers. She said that the expert group had reached a general agreement on having one general category for “skin sensitizers”, with the same criteria as the existing classification criteria in the GHS, and a new sub-category (to be used by some competent authorities only) for “strong sensitizers”. However, she said that the expert group had not yet decided on how both categories would be accommodated into the hazard class “skin sensitizers” in the GHS.</p> <p>28. She announced that the final proposal would be submitted as an information document to the Sub-Committee at its fifteenth session (July 2008) provided that the expert group was able to reach consensus on the draft proposal by March 2008. Otherwise, the agreed proposal would be submitted for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its December 2008 session.</p>
<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>  <b>December 12-14,</b>  <b>2007</b></p>	<p><b>4. Classification of strong versus weak sensitizers</b></p> <p>23. The representative of the OECD said that the expert group had developed a proposal for revising the classification criteria in chapter 3.4 of the GHS which will be further discussed at the beginning of March and if agreed, will be submitted to the OECD Task Force on classification and labelling in April 2008 for approval.</p>

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<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 9-11, 2008</b></p>	<p><b>7. Strong versus weak sensitizers</b></p> <p><u>Informal documents:</u> UN/SCEGHS/15/INF.13 (OECD), <i>Proposal for revising Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers</i><sup>4</sup></p> <p>UN/SCEGHS/15/INF.14 (OECD), <i>Proposal for revising Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers: Explanatory notes and revised chapter with visible changes</i><sup>5</sup> (See <b>Appendix E4</b>)</p> <p>31. The Sub-Committee adopted in principle the proposal intended to revise the classification criteria in chapter 3.4 to allow the sub-categorization of skin and respiratory sensitizers where data are sufficient and where required by a competent authority.</p> <p>32. One expert noted that some editorial corrections were needed in paragraphs 3.4.2.2.1.4 and 3.4.2.2.1.5. The Sub-Committee agreed on the proposed corrections to those paragraphs.</p> <p>33. The secretariat was invited to issue the OECD proposal (including the agreed corrections) as an official document to be considered for final adoption at the next session of the Sub-Committee.</p>

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf15.html>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf15.html>

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<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> Meeting December 10-12, 2008</b></p>	<p><b>1. Strong versus weak sensitizers: amendments to Chapter 3.4</b></p> <p><u>Documents:</u>  ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18 (Secretariat), <i>Revision of Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers</i><sup>6</sup> (See <b>Appendix E5</b>)  ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18/Add.1 (Secretariat), <i>Revision of Chapter 3.4 with respect to strong versus weak sensitizers, Addendum</i><sup>7</sup> (See <b>Appendix E6</b>)</p> <p><u>Informal documents:</u></p> <p>UN/SCEGHS/16/INF.3 (Secretariat), <i>Section 3.4.2 of Chapter 3.4</i><sup>8</sup> (See <b>Appendix E7</b>)  INF.23 (Australia), <i>Proposal for amendment of Table 3.4.3 in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18: Cut-off values concentration limits of ingredients of a mixture classified as either skin sensitizers or respiratory sensitizers that would trigger classification of the mixture</i><sup>9</sup></p> <p>23. The proposals for amendment to Chapter 3.4 contained in the documents from the secretariat were adopted with a minor editorial change to paragraph 3.4.2.1.1.3 (see annex I).</p> <p>24. Regarding the inconsistencies in the hazard statements for respiratory and skin sensitization currently used in the GHS, as noted by the secretariat in annex III to document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/18/Add.1, the Sub-Committee agreed that only the statements used in Chapter 3.4 were deemed to be correct (see annex I).</p> <p>25. The proposal in document INF.23 for the amendment of Table 3.4.3, to make reference to sub-categories 1A and 1B in the cells containing the cut-off values was not adopted. The expert from Germany said that sub-categorization was based on potency and explained that the OECD expert group who developed the criteria had decided to refer only to Category 1 because data for the sub-categorization of mixtures in sub-categories 1A or 1B was not generally available.</p>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42008.html>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42008.html>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf16.html>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf16.html>

