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Labelling of Small Packagings

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1. Labelling of small packagings

Development of guidance by the inter-sessional correspondence group on the application of the general principles for the labelling of small packagings.

The issues to be considered include:

- (a) Which label elements must stay on the immediate container and which ones can be provided elsewhere.
- (b) Precedence of hazard classes/categories.
- (c) Distinction between workplace chemicals and consumer chemicals given the difference in target audience and level of training.
- (d) Electronic format as an alternative or additional medium for hazard communication.

It should be noted that, after consideration, it is possible that some of the above items may not be included in the guidance. Also, it is recognised that the development of this guidance may necessitate a revision of the general principles.

A workplan listing technical points to be tackled will be drafted in order to:

- Assess feasibility,
- Assign priorities,
- Allocate tasks, and
- Set timetable.

2. Packaging terminology/definitions

The work on packaging terminology/definitions, as described in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2008/26, will start with a review of the current situation (based on the earlier document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2006/10) and the needs taking into account the consistency between the various systems and the cost benefits of any proposed changes.
