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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Classification criteria and related hazard communication:

Practical classification issues

Update on the work of the informal correspondence group on practical classification issues

**Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America on behalf
of the informal correspondence group on practical classification issues**

Background

1. The Practical Classification Issues (PCI) informal correspondence group held a working group meeting surrounding the plenary session on 5 July 2016. Based on discussions during this meeting, the PCI is proposing in the annex of this document an additional editorial amendment to item (g) of working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2016/9.
2. In addition, with respect to the editorial changes to the health hazard definitions as proposed in item (a) of working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2016/9, the PCI group has provided proposed conforming changes to the definitions in GHS Chapter 1.2.

Next steps

3. Pending feedback from this document, the PCI group plans to submit a working paper for the 32nd session for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

Annex

Proposed amendments to Chapter 3.1

In Table 3.1.1 amend the value for the oral and dermal rows in the Category 5 column from “5000” to read “ $2000 < ATE \leq 5000$ ”.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 1.2

Delete the definitions of the following terms from Chapter 1.2:

- Skin corrosion
- Skin irritation
- Serious eye damage
- Eye irritation
- Dermal corrosion
- Dermal irritation

Modify the definitions for “respiratory sensitizer” and “skin sensitizer” as follows (*new text is underlined*):

“**Respiratory sensitizer** means a substance or mixture that induces hypersensitivity of the airways following inhalation of the substance or mixture.”

“**Skin sensitizer** means a substance or mixture that will induce an allergic response following skin contact.”
