

## **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Implementation of the GHS: reports on the status of implementation**

## **Information on the status of implementation of the GHS**

**Transmitted by the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)**

### **Background**

1. In informal document INF.15 (37<sup>th</sup> session), Cefic proposed a template for the gathering of data related to the implementation of GHS in different countries.
2. This table was discussed and suggestions for improvement were made by several delegates during and after the session.
3. It was also mentioned that ways of collecting information and the use of the UNECE website to publish the information received by the secretariat should be established.

### **Discussion and proposal**

4. The enclosed revised version of the table takes into account the comments made and is proposed to the consideration of the Sub-committee.
  5. The information for the European Union, included as an illustration, has been updated.
  6. A network of experts from Cefic membership has gathered information on the implementation of the GHS in specific countries, and has been sharing it in a document (report) updated on an annual basis.
  7. In order to help with the collection of information to be shared on the UNECE website using the proposed template, Cefic offers to make that document available to the members of the Sub-Committee.
  8. It should however be noted that the information contained is provided in good faith by industry experts. No representations or warranties are made with regard to its completeness or accuracy.
  9. Cefic proposes to make available its report by submitting it to the Sub-Committee and to invite the delegates, experts from the countries covered and, if they so wish, other representatives, to check the information given and provide further input when necessary.
  10. The members of the Sub-Committee are invited to review the revised template and to consider Cefic proposal.
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