

**PROPOSAL FOR PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT, CODES FOR OZONE DEPLETING CHEMICALS AND
CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

This document presents a proposal for a precautionary statement for ozone depleting chemicals, and for codes for the hazard and precautionary statements, as well as for consequential amendments.

The proposal for classification and labeling of ozone depleting chemicals was sent to the UN Sub-Committee secretariat for submission to the July 2008 Sub-Committee meeting.

In the OECD proposal, Section 4.2.3 on hazard communication, there is a sentence that says “Annex 3 contains examples of precautionary statements and pictograms which can be used where allowed by the competent authority”. In order to be consistent with the GHS, the secretariat of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the GHS added a note¹ to indicate that the precautionary statements will be developed later, and asked that the OECD submit a proposal for precautionary statements.

¹ * *Note by the UNECE secretariat: The secretariat brought to the attention of the OECD secretariat that the consequential amendments to Annex 3 (e.g.: precautionary statements and related codes) to which reference is made in this sentence, were missing in the proposal contained in this document. The OECD secretariat agreed to consult the experts who developed the text with a view to the submission of a proposal to the Sub-Committee in due time.*

Hazardous to the Ozone Layer (Chapter 4.2): Proposal for a Precautionary Statement and for Codes for the Hazard Statement and Precautionary Statement

In Annex 3, Section 3, add a Precautionary statement and codes for the hazard statement and precautionary statement, as follows:

HAZARDOUS TO THE OZONE LAYER			
(Chapter 4.2)			
			<i>Symbol</i> Exclamation mark
Hazard category	Signal word	Hazard statement	!
1	Warning	H420 Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere	
Precautionary statements			
Prevention	Response	Storage	Disposal
			P502 <i>Refer to manufacturer for information on recovery/recycling</i>

Consequential amendment

In Annex 3, Section 1, add a new row to table A3.1.3 (page 301 of the English version of GHS, Rev.2), as follows:

Code	Environmental hazard statement	Hazard class (GHS chapter)	Hazard category
H420	Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere	Hazardous to the ozone layer (chapter 4.2)	1

In Annex 3, Section 2, add a new row to Table A3.2.5 (page 328 of the English version of GHS, Rev.2), as follows:

Code	Disposal precautionary statement	Hazard class	Hazard category	Conditions for use
<i>P502</i>	Refer to manufacturer for information on recovery/recycling	Hazardous to the ozone layer (chapter 4.2)	1	