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UN Announces Sixth Revised Edition of GHS

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) just announced the official publication of the 6th revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS, Rev.6). The newest revision of GHS reflects the amendments adopted on 20 February 2015 during the 7th session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. Among the many changes included in the 6th revised edition is the creation of a new hazard class, desensitized explosives, which will be added as a new Chapter 2.17 in Part 2 of the GHS "Physical hazards". Regarding safety data sheets (SDS), the 6th revision changes section 9 of Annex 4 "Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics" of the GHS, including detailed additional instructions about the properties and safety characteristics presented in the newly created table A4.3.9.1 "Basic physical and chemical properties". In order to improve the graphic representation of the labelling elements on small packages and to differentiate the inner packaging labelling from outer packaging the last revision of GHS contains a new example No 8 in Annex 7 of the GHS.

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