DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Preparations for the 24th Session of the UN Sub-committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: OSHA invites interested parties to participate in an open, informal public meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 24th session of the United Nations Sub-committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS). The UNSCEGHS meeting will be held December 12–14, 2012, in Geneva, Switzerland. OSHA, along with the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group, plans to consider the comments and information gathered at this public meeting when developing the U.S. Government positions for the UNSCEGHS meeting.

DATES: The date for the public meeting is as follows: November 28, 2012, beginning at 2 p.m., in Washington, DC.

ADDRESS: The location for the public meeting is as follows: The U.S. Department of Labor, Francis Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, Room C5320, and Conference Room #6.

Conference Call Information: Conference call-in capability will be provided for this meeting. To participate by telephone, dial 1–800–369–1938, and enter participant passcode 12725. During the call, please press "+6 to mute/ unmute your individual lines.


Copies of this Federal Register notice can be obtained as follows: Electronic copies are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This Federal Register notice, as well as other relevant information, is available also on the OSHA Web page at http://www.osha.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting

OSHA is hosting an open informal public meeting of the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on GHS-related issues and an opportunity to express their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions for the upcoming UNSCEGHS meeting. The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

The Meeting Agenda, in general, is as follows:

• Discussion of working papers for the 24th Session of the UNSCEGHS
• Update on UNSCEGHS correspondence group activity
• Discussion of the program of work for the 2013–2014 biennium

II. Background

The GHS was formally adopted by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals in December 2002. The GHS is a single, harmonized system for classification of chemicals according to their health, physical, and environmental effects. It also provides harmonized communication elements, including labels and safety data sheets. The GHS is considered to be a living document and is regularly revised and updated as necessary to reflect new technology and scientific developments or to provide additional explanatory text. OSHA incorporated the GHS 3rd revision into its Hazard Communication Standard on March 26th of this year, 77 FR 17574, and intends to update the standard from time to time through rulemaking in order to remain consistent with any revisions to the GHS as appropriate under the OSHA Act. The UNSCEGHS is responsible for maintaining and updating the GHS. The U.S. has been an active member of the UNSCEGHS for many years, and OSHA currently serves as the head of the U.S. delegation for this Sub-committee.

In preparation for the bi-annual meetings of the UNSCEGHS, the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group meets to discuss issues related to the GHS and to develop a coordinated U.S. position on issues and proposals regarding the GHS. The U.S. Interagency Coordinating Group consists of U.S. agencies that regulate in the area of chemical hazard communication and includes the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and OSHA.

Information on the work of the UNSCEGHS, including meeting agendas, reports, and documents from previous sessions, can be found on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport Division Web site located at the following web address: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html.

The UNSCEGHS bases its decisions on Working Papers. The Working Papers for the 24th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsубc4/c42012.html. Informal Papers submitted to the UNSCEGHS provide information for the subcommittee and are used either as a mechanism to provide information to the subcommittee or as the basis for future Working Papers. Informal Papers for the 24th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsубc4/c4inf24.html.

Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, pursuant to sections 4, 6, and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657), and Secretary’s Order 1–2012 (77 FR 3912), (Jan. 25, 2012).

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 9, 2012.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.
Supplementary Information:

The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. This meeting is also available telephonically and by WebEx. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number (888) 606–5936; pass code “Science Committee”, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com/, the meeting number on November 14 is 993 494 156, and the password is SC@Nov14; the meeting number on November 15 is 991 469 535, and the password is SC@Nov15. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—Science Mission Directorate Overview and Program Status—Subcommittee Reports
—Joint Session with the NASA Advisory Council’s Human Exploration and Operations Committee on the Mars Program Planning Group final report and Joint Robotics Precursor Activities

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign Nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 working days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee; and home address to Marian Norris via email at mnorris@nasa.gov or by fax at (202) 358–4118. U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents (green card holders) are requested to submit their name and affiliation 3 working days prior to the meeting to Marian Norris.

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National Archives and Records Administration
Advisory Committee on Presidential Library-Foundation Partnerships

Agency: National Archives and Records Administration.

Action: Notice of Meeting.

Summary: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Presidential Library-Foundation Partnerships. The meeting will be held to discuss the Presidential Library program and topics related to the public-private partnership between the Presidential Libraries and their Presidential Foundations.

Dates: The meeting will be held on November 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Addresses: The National Archives building at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, room 105.

For Further Information Contact: Susan Donius, Director, Office of Presidential Libraries, at the National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740, telephone number (301) 837–3250. Contact the Presidential Libraries staff at denise.lebeck@nara.gov.

Supplementary Information: The meeting will be open to the public. Meeting attendees may enter from the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. Photo identification will be required. No visitor parking is available at the Archives building; however there are commercial parking lots and metered curb parking nearby.