11th Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems Ottawa, 24-26 November 1997

The Consultation is hosted by Health Canada, Boardroom 0115C, Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture, starting at 10 a.m.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Opening, Adoption of the Agenda and the Record of the last meeting

! The Record of the 10th Consultation is Document: IOMC/CG/HCCS-10/97.3

2. Progress report and plans for completing the technical work on criteria

- ! The representatives of the three current focal points (ILO, OECD, UN CETDG) will summarize the current status of their work and present their plans for completion of the tasks at hand. Room documents may be available during the meeting.
- ! Coordination related to the preparation of a consolidated proposal for all classification criteria should be discussed and a time table for its preparation agreed. No document available.

3. Description and further clarification of the anticipated application of the GHS

- ! Review of document **IOMC/CG11/97.2** prepared by the Chair. The participant are expected to come to the consultation with nationally agreed comments and suggestions for modifications of the draft document.
- ! Decision required on further steps to finalize the document in time for its presentation to the IFCS ISG in 1998.

4. Implementation Mechanism for a GHS

- ! Review of document IOMC/CG11/97.3 prepared jointly by the UK and the US.
- ! A Room document (IOMC/CG11/97.RD.1) prepared by the Secretariat of the UN CETDG will provide background details concerning the Committee's Terms of Reference and links to UN ECOSOC.
- ! Decision will be required on further steps to finalize the paper in time for its presentation to IFCS ISG in 1998.

5. Harmonization of Chemical Hazard Communication

- I This item will be discussed separately within an informal working group on the third day of the Consultation. The Secretariat will provide a Thought starter (document IOMC/CG11/97.4) identifying the areas of hazard communication which could be considered for harmonization, membership of the envisaged ILO Working Group, workplans and time table for completion. The informal working group will be required to advise the secretariat on necessary modifications and adjustments.
- ! The revised document will serve as basis for endorsement of the Working Group by the ILO Governing Body at its March 1998 Session.

6. Other business

7. Date and location of the next Consultation