



Governing Body

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Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues

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FOR DECISION

FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other questions

Sectoral activities 2010–11

Overview

Issue covered

The paper proposes to change the title of the “Global Technical Workshop on Container Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers” to “Global Dialogue Forum on Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers”.

Policy implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Decision required

Paragraph 5.

References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

GB.304/12, GB.304/PV.

Global Technical Workshop on Container Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers

1. In March 2009, the Governing Body decided that a Global Technical Workshop on Container Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers be held in early 2011.¹
2. Following preparatory research and informal consultations with constituents, relevant international organizations and institutions, it became apparent that the format chosen did not correspond to the mandate agreed upon by the Governing Body, since it does not foresee that the meeting address the technical aspect of the issue, but would only deal with the policy on the implementation and enforcement of the appropriate standards. For this reason, the Office deems that it would not be appropriate to designate the meeting as a technical workshop.
3. Accordingly, the Office proposes that instead of a two-day Global Technical Workshop, a two-day Global Dialogue Forum on Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers be held. The purpose of the meeting as decided by the Governing Body in March 2009 would remain unchanged; the composition would remain at six Employer and six Worker participants, with representatives of all interested Governments and from relevant organizations invited at their own cost.
4. In keeping with established practice, the proposed date of the Forum, as well as the proposed list of invited observers will be submitted separately to the Officers of the Governing Body for their approval.
5. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body authorize a change in the title of the “Global Technical Workshop” to “Global Dialogue Forum on Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers”.*

Geneva, 28 September 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 5

¹ GB.304/12, para. 4; GB.304/PV, para. 216.