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EXPLOSIVES AND RELATED MATTERS

Miscellaneous proposals

Editorial Amendment to Section 2.1.3.5.5

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

1. In a recent court case in the United Kingdom, the use of the term "pyrotechnic composition" in Section 2.1.3.5.5 of the Model Regulations "default firework classification table" was questioned. It was asked why the term "pyrotechnic substance" defined in 2.1.1.3(b) had not been used. It was suggested for future clarity that the defined term should be used in the table. The expert from the United Kingdom has examined the relevant texts in the Model Regulations and agrees that the use of the term "pyrotechnic composition" could cause confusion.

Proposal

2. The expert from the United Kingdom proposes the replacement of the term "pyrotechnic composition" with "pyrotechnic substance" in the default classification table 2.1.3.5.5 and Note 2 to 2.1.3.5.5.