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Assignment of packing groups to Class 6.2 infectious substances

Transmitted by the expert from Canada[[1]](#footnote-2)

Objective

1. To remove the packing group assigned to UN 3291 CLINICAL WASTE UNSPECIFIED, N.O.S. or (BIO) MEDICAL WASTE, N.O.S. or REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE, N.O.S. in Table A of Chapter 3.2 (dangerous goods list) of the Model Regulation.

2. This correction is proposed to resolve the discrepancy between the general principle set out in section 2.0.1.3 and the dangerous goods list entry for UN 3291.

Introduction

3. Section 2.0.1.3 specifies that for packing purposes, substances of division 6.2 are not assigned to packing groups. However, a review of the dangerous goods list shows that a packing group is assigned to UN 3291.

4. That same section also specifies that when a substance is not assigned to a packing group, the assignation to a specific packaging performance level is set out in the applicable packing instruction. A review of packing instructions P621, IBC620 and LP621, the three packing instructions assigned to UN3291, shows that the packaging performance level II is already set out in the three packing instructions.

Proposal

5. The expert from Canada recommends to amend the dangerous goods list to remove the packing group II associated with UN 3291 in column 5 as this information is already included in the three packing instructions associated with this UN number and is contrary to the principle set out in section 2.0.1.3.

6. This correction is fairly simple as no consequential amendment will be required since a packaging performance level II is already set out in packing instructions P621, IBC620 and LP621.

The following proposed amendment for UN 3291 will remove the inconsistency. Deleted text is ~~strikethrough~~:

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| **UN No.** | **Name and description** | **Class or division** | **Subsidiary hazard** | **UN packing group** | **Special provi-sions** | **Limited and excepted quantities** | | **Packagings and IBCs** | | **Portable tanks and bulk containers** | |
|  |  |  | | **Packing instruction** | **Special packing provisions** | **Instructions** | **Special provisions** |
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| - | 3.1.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0.1.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.1.4 | 4.1.4 | 4.2.5/4.3.2 | 4.2.5 |
| UN 3291 | CLINICAL WASTE, UNSPECFIEDN.O.S. or  (BIO) MEDICAL WASTE, N.O.S.  or REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE, N.O.S. | 6.2 |  | ~~II~~ |  | 0 | E0 | P621  IBC620  LP621 |  | BK2 |  |

1. In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2017-2018 approved by the Committee at its eighth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, paragraph 98 and ST/SG/AC.10/44, paragraph 14) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)