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Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on its fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions and pending issues: miscellaneous pending issues

Multiple marking of packagings, including IBCs and large packagings, indicating conformity with more than one successfully tested design type

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Introduction

1.   At the fifty-third session, the Sub-Committee adopted text on multiple marking of packagings, including IBCs and large packagings, indicating conformity with more than one successfully tested design type, see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/106 paras 116 and 117 and annex I.

2.   To ensure traceability of a proper selection of the design type permitted by the respective packing instructions, the information on the design type is required and should be indicated in the transport documentation. According to 5.4.1.5.1, the number and kind of packages shall be indicated in the transport documentation, but there is no defined format of that information. The UN packaging codes may only be used to supplement the description of the kind of package. Thus, the current provisions gives flexibility for the description of the kind of packaging and do not require explicitly the indication of the design type. For example, the term "carton" might be used to describe a 4G fibreboard box or a 50 G large packaging.

3.   The requirement to indicate the kind of packaging should be specified to ensure that the relevant design type is indicated.

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[*]   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, para. 14).

Proposal

4.   In 5.4.1.5.1, amend the fourth sentence to read as follows:

The number and ~~kind (e.g. drum, box, etc.)~~ <u>design type (e.g. "drum", "box", "IBC", "large packaging" etc.)</u> of packages shall also be indicated.

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