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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF  
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY  
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods**  
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**MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL  
REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Limited quantities**

**Transmitted by the expert from Argentina**

**Background**

1. In the UN Recommendations there is a chapter for limited quantities. This chapter mainly refers to the consignment of samples (e.g. samples of a new product for testing) by a potential buyer. These samples normally consist of packagings of a weight between 0.5 to 1 kg that are sent as quickly as possible, in most cases by air transport. Vaccines, medicines, paints, etc. are some of the samples frequently sent.

**New situations**

2. Some delegations have introduced the concept of retail distribution for many packagings of small capacity (between 0.25 and 1.5 kg, normally) packed in fibreboard boxes or shrink plastics film, the weight of each package ranging between 10 and 30 kg (e.g. aerosols, liquid insecticides, etc.). The packages are delivered to stores and supermarkets in trucks and vans undertaking short journeys in heavy traffic.

**Conclusions**

3. It is not possible to classify the situation described in paragraph 2 in the same manner as the one in paragraph 1.

4. The situation described in paragraph 2 requires a different treatment to the one described in paragraph 1. At least each package containing the packagings must be marked with the label of the applicable class and it cannot be referred to as limited quantities. (A general marking for class 9, for example, must not be accepted.)

**Other matters**

5. Referring to informal documents UN/CETDG/21/INF.21, INF.26, INF.57 and others, submitted during the twenty-first session of the Committee of Experts (held in December 2000), the proposal for the introduction of the "LQ" label is not supported by Argentina.

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