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**PACKAGINGS**

**Miscellaneous proposals**

**'W' markings on packages**

**Transmitted by the Expert from the United Kingdom**

1. The expert from the United Kingdom draws the attention of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to an apparent contradiction between two pieces of text in the Model Regulations that refer to 'W' marks for packaging.

2. Paragraph 4.1.3.5 authorises the use of “V”, “U”, or “W” marked packagings. Current text restricts this to outer packagings of combination packagings. However, “W” marked single packagings appear to be provided for ( in 6.1.2.4). The UK expert is aware of a number of 'W' marked single packagings in existence. It appears therefore that these should be accorded the same conditions of use.

3. Two versions of paragraph 4.1.3.5 follow. The first is the existing text, while the second is amended to extend the coverage to single packagings as well.

(a) Current

4.1.3.5 Where the packing instructions in this Chapter authorize the use of a particular type of outer packaging in a combination packaging (e.g. 4G), packagings bearing the same packaging identification code followed by the letters “V”, “U” or “W” marked in accordance with the requirements of Part 6 (e.g. 4GV, 4GU or 4GW) may also be used under the same conditions and limitations applicable to the use of that type of outer packaging according to the relevant packing instructions. For example, a combination packaging marked with the packaging code “4GV” may be used whenever a combination packaging marked “4G” is authorized, provided the requirements in the relevant packing instruction regarding types of inner packagings and quantity limitations are respected.

(b) Revised

4.1.3.5 Where the packing instructions in this Chapter authorize the use of a particular type of packaging (e.g. 4G; **1A2**), packagings bearing the same packaging identification code followed by the letters “V”, “U” or “W” marked in accordance with the requirements of Part 6 (e.g. 4GV, 4GU or 4GW; **1A2V, 1A2U or 1A2W**) may also be used under the same conditions and limitations applicable to the use of that type of packaging according to the relevant packing instructions. For example, a combination packaging marked with the packaging code “4GV” may be used whenever a combination packaging marked “4G” is authorized, provided the requirements in the relevant packing instruction regarding types of inner packagings and quantity limitations are respected.

4. Detailed proposal:

Delete “outer” and “in a combination packaging” from second line.

Add “; 1A2” after “4G” in parentheses in second line.

Add “; 1A2V, 1A2U or 1A2W” after “4GW” in parentheses in fourth line.

**Explanation**

An extra example has been included to show that these additional letters are not restricted to one packaging type or one material.

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