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PACKAGINGS

Miscellaneous proposals

Amendment to P400(1)

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

1. The expert from the United Kingdom has identified a problem with this packing instruction and is proposing a small amendment.

Background

2. This Packing Instruction applies to Division 4.2 PG I substances; paragraph (1) refers to carriage in cylinders, pressure drums and tubes. There is a requirement in this paragraph that cylinders, pressure drums and tubes shall be overpacked in strong wood, fibreboard, or plastics boxes.

3. The current text would appear to be over restrictive in that some companies in the past have used drums as overpacks quite safely. These would have previously been allowed in the 1999 edition of RID/ADR, and Amendment 29 to the IMDG Code where these packagings can be used without any specific requirements for outer packaging.

4. The expert from the United Kingdom suggests therefore it should be possible to permit any strong outer packaging as an overpack.

Proposal

5. Amend to second sentence of P400(1) as follows:
delete “strong wood fibreboard or plastics boxes” and
replace with “strong outer packagings”
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