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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**
(Twenty-first session, 1-10 July 2002
agenda item 8(c))

LISTING AND CLASSIFICATION

Flammable solvents absorbed in wipes. Proposed new entry in Chapter 3.2

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

1. At the previous session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, held last December, the expert from the United Kingdom presented Information Paper 16 which explained to the Sub-Committee the difficulties that he had noticed with the assignment of P002, SP 216 and PP9 to UN 3175 particularly in relation to wipes and rags soaked with flammable liquids. While this Information Paper did not put forward proposals for adoption, it nevertheless made some suggestions for consideration by the Sub-Committee.
2. Although the Sub-Committee had some sympathy for the problem, experts were reluctant to make amendments to UN 3175, which some believed had been put into the Model Regulations to cover only the carriage of contaminated waste soil. During the discussion the expert of the United Kingdom offered to produce a new paper for the July 2002 session of the Sub-Committee.
3. The expert from the United Kingdom now considers that the solution to this problem is to have a specific UN number in Division 4.1 for these articles.

Proposal 1

Add a new entry in the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2 as follows:

DANGEROUS GOODS LIST

UN No.	Name and description	Class or division	Subsidiary risk	UN packing group	Special provisions	Limited quantities	Packagings and IBCs		Portable tanks	
							Packing Instruction	Special provisions	Portable tank instruction	Portable tank special provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
3***	Flammable solvents absorbed in wipes	4.1		I	274 3**	None	P002			
3***	Flammable solvents absorbed in wipes	4.1		II	274 3**	1kg	P002 IBC06	B2		
3***	Flammable solvents absorbed in wipes	4.1		III	223 274 3**	5kg	P002 IBC06 LP02	B2		

Proposal 2

Add a new special provision to this entry as follows:

SP3** Mixtures of flammable solvents that are absorbed into wipes may be transported under this entry without applying the classification criteria of Division 4.1, provided there is no free liquid visible at the time the packaging is closed. Assignment to Packing Group shall be based on the most severe Packing Group of the solvents concerned. Sealed packets containing less than 10 ml of a Packing Group II or III liquid absorbed into a solid material are not subject to these regulations provided there is no free liquid in the pack.

Consequential Amendment

Delete last sentence of SP216 as it is now included in the new SP3** above.