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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-second session, 2- 6 December 2002,
agenda item 4(a))

NEW PROPOSALS

Outstanding issues

Amendments to P650

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

1. The expert from the United Kingdom refers to the discussions on the transport of infectious substances that took place during the 21st session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. In particular the expert from the United Kingdom draws attention to Part 1 of Packing Instruction P650 in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/16, which he feels should contain text on filling and closing packages.
2. The last sentence of P650 (Part 1) currently states:

“Infectious substances in category B which are packed and marked in accordance with Part 1 of this packing instruction are not subject to any other requirement in these Regulations”
3. The expert from the United Kingdom believes it was intended that no other provision of the Model Regulations should apply when using this part of P650. This was because it was recognised that there many different individuals who would not be familiar with the transport

regulations and application of these would be very difficult. These small packages will not only be used in hospitals and clinics by medical professionals but also by patients who have to return samples to laboratories for analysis from their homes.

4. Since these packages will in many cases be used by non-professionals, they will not be required to undergo training on their use. Nevertheless, the packaging requirements are quite specific and it is important that any person using the prescribed packaging should have clear instructions on how it should be filled and closed. It is therefore proposed that a new final sentence be added to Part 1 P650 as follows:

5. Proposal;

“Clear instructions on filling and closing such packages shall be provided to the consignor [patient] to enable the package to be correctly prepared for transport.”
