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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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OTHER BUSINESS

Program of work for the 2003/2004 biennium

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Discussion

1. Current provisions of the Restructured RID/ADR require the carrier to submit a report to the competent authority of the Contracting Party concerned if a serious accident or incident takes place during the transport of dangerous goods (1.8.5.1). At the September 2001 Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, there was agreement to add a new paragraph that defines the occurrence that is subject to report and a paragraph that specifies the report form to be used.
2. DGAC supports the reporting and collection of dangerous goods accident/incident data and believes that provisions should be incorporated into the UN Model Regulations to encourage states and modal authorities to implement programs within their regulatory systems to effect that objective. Over time, the data collected would provide the basis and factual support for proposing and making changes to the Model Regulations.

Proposal

3. DGAC proposes to add a work item to the agenda for the next biennium to develop basic procedures for incident reporting and the types of data that should be submitted.
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