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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Dangerous Goods List, Column 2

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In the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2 of the Model Regulations many proper shipping names in uppercase characters are followed by additional descriptive text in lower case characters. In some cases the total text (upper + lowercase) may have a considerable length.

The contents of the Dangerous Goods List (and of similar lists in modal regulations) is stored in many databases all over the world. Some of the very long texts in Column 2 cause troubles in the storage and transfer of data.

The UIC/IUR therefore proposes to transfer, where appropriate, such information to new Special Provisions (like SP244) in Chapter 3.3. By such transfer the total length of the Dangerous Goods List in the Model Regulations and other regulations will also be reduced.

Examples:

For UN 1139 COATING SOLUTION:

SPXXX This entry includes surface treatments or coatings used for industrial or other purposes, such as vehicle undercoating, drum or barrel lining.

For UN 1210 PRINTING INK, flammable or PRINTING INK RELATED MATERIAL, flammable:

SPXXX This entry includes printing ink thinning or reducing compounds.

For UN1263 and UN3066 PAINT or PAINT RELATED MATERIAL:

SPXXX This entry includes paint, lacquer, enamel, stain, shellac, varnish, polish, liquid filler and liquid lacquer base or paint thinning or reducing compound.

For UN1556 ARSENIC COMPOUND, LIQUID, N.O.S. and UN1557 ARSENIC COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S.

SPXXX This entry includes inorganic compounds, such as Arsenates, n.o.s., Arsenites, n.o.s. and Arsenic sulphides, n.o.s.

Other candidates for such a procedure might be:

UN 1326, 1345, 1352, 1358, 1942, 1999, 3138, 3165, 3257

If the Sub-Committee adopts the principle, it would be possible to present a comprehensive proposal.
