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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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**NEW PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Classification of Special Provision 289

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

Special Provision 289 provides an exception for air bags or seat-belt modules installed in vehicles or in completed vehicle components. Air bags are now being designed and installed in aircraft. Some manufacturers of aircraft components (such as seats which employ airbags) are uncertain as to whether such SP 289 applies to aircraft and aircraft components since the definition of a vehicle in Chapter 1.2 of the Model Regulations does not include aircraft. It is proposed that an additional sentence expanding the definition of vehicles for the purposes of SP 289 be added clarify the intent of SP 289.

It is further noted that the current wording of SP 289 could be construed to mean that air bags need not even be tested or approved if they are installed in vehicles or vehicle components. On this basis, the words "meeting the provisions of Special Provision 280" are also proposed to be added to clarify that air bags excepted under SP 289 must be of the approved type (i.e. have been tested in accordance with the 6(c) test).

**Proposal**

Amend Special Provision 289 to read as follows:

"289 Air bags or seat-belts **meeting the provisions of Special Provision 280 and** installed in vehicles or in completed vehicle components such as steering columns, door panels, seats etc. are not subject to these Regulations. **In the context of this special provision, vehicles are considered to include any passenger conveyance.**"

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