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TRANSPORT OF GASES

Amendment to the Gas Specific Provision 1 of the Packing Instruction P200

Transmitted by the expert from Argentina

1. Introduction

(a) The Gas Specific Provision 1 of paragraph (4) of Packing Instruction P200 in the 13th Revised Edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, as applied to ethylene oxide, prescribes in its last sentence that “The total quantity in any outer packaging shall not exceed 2.5 kg”, without specifying clearly which quantity it is referring to.

(b) This prescription could therefore be freely interpreted differently or inadequately depending on the criteria applied, considering the “total quantity” as the mass of ethylene oxide, the mass of ethylene oxide added to the mass of the inner packaging or the maximum net mass of the package (packaging and its contents).

2. Proposal

It is proposed to eliminate confusion by rewording the last paragraph of the Gas Specific Provision 1 of paragraph (4) of Packing Instruction P200 as follows:

“The total net mass of ethylene oxide in any outer packaging shall not exceed 2.5 kg”.
