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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda

PACKAGINGS (INCLUDING IBC'S AND LARGE PACKAGINGS)

Evaluation of the United Nations packaging requirements

Transmitted by the expert from the Netherlands

**Background**

1. At the 24th session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (3-10 December 2003) the Netherlands submitted a proposal and an advance list of technical and editorial problems identified with regard to the UN packaging requirements. This document and list should enable the Sub-Committee to decide how to proceed in the evaluation of the UN packaging requirements (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2003/57 and UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21)

2. It was decided that the technical and drafting questions as set out in the Annex to informal document UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21 should be discussed by a correspondence group open to all delegations and led by the expert from the Netherlands. The proposals for amendments resulting from this work should be the subject of an official proposal to be submitted to the next session of the Sub-Committee (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/48, para. 32).

**Correspondence group**

3. The work of the correspondence group was organized as follows:

All members of the SCETDG received an e-mail consisting of several documents, containing a.o. proposed technical and editorial amendments, to be considered by the correspondence group. The documents consisted of:

- introduction document;
- UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21 ;
- text of para. 32 of ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/48;
- proposed amendments to Part 4; and,
- proposed amendments to Part 6.

All contacted members of the SCETDG were invited to give their comments on the proposed changes, based upon the Annex to UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21, and were also invited to propose any further technical and editorial changes, within the scope of the Annex to UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21, which they thought were justified in solving technical and editorial errors in Chapter 6.1, 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6.

4. Comments and further editorial and technical errors were received from Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, United States, ICPP and SEFA. There was general agreement with the editorial and technical changes as proposed, except for some specific items. Also it was commented that further changes in relation to alignment of Chapter 6.3 with Chapter 6.1 are necessary. All contributors received an individual response explaining which of their comments were taken into account and which not, including an explanation.

#### **ISO 16104**

5. With regard to ISO 16104 the Netherlands is of the opinion that the inclusion of ISO 16104 (or parts of it) into Part 4 and/or Part 6 does not fall within the scope of the Annex to UN/SCETDG/24/INF.21.

#### **Proposed amendments**

6. The Netherlands has produced a proposal for changes to Chapters 6.1, 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6 (with corresponding changes in Part 4), based on the original proposal and the received comments made.

The proposed amendments are given in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/70 and in informal document UN/SCETDG/25/INF.5.

7. The Netherlands concludes that with this proposal the editorial and technical errors in Chapters 6.1, 6.3, 6.5 and 6.6 should now have been eliminated.

#### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee:**

8. The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposals and take action as deemed appropriate.

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