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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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Discussion on Limited quantities and consumer commodities in the UN Sub-Committee
of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Note by the Chairman

SUMMARY

Executive summary

The Joint Meeting is invited to make comments on the document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/44 which is available on the UNECE web site and on the documents mentioned hereafter for consideration during the next session of the UNSCETDG in december.

Action to be taken

Provide comments and if possible an global position of the Joint Meeting on the proposals.

Related documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/44 (France and Canada); ST/SG/AC./C.3/2004/50 (Belgium); UN/SCETDG/25/INF6 (ICAO); UN/SCETDG/25/INF17 (Netherlands); UN/SCETDG/25/INF42 (UIC/UIR); UN/SCETDG/25/INF44 (United states of America); UN/SCETDG/25/INF75 (United Kingdom); UN/SCETDG/25/INF80 (ICAO); UN/SCETDG/25/INF83 (AISE,CSPA,FEA,FIATA,IECC). UN/SCETDG/25/INF104 (France)

1. During the twenty fifth session of the UNSCETDG (5-14 July 2004) France and Canada introduced a joint paper (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/44) proposing two alternative texts for amending the model rules as a result of the different working groups who were dealing with the limited quantities exemptions.

2. Several experts gave written comments that can be downloaded on the UNECE website and are listed above in the summary.

3. However due to divergences expressed the UNSCETDG was not in a position to adopt any of the proposals. Nethertheless, the Sub-Committee agreed to invite the modal organizations concerned to study the documents submitted, notably the proposal by France and Canada, and give their comments for consideration by the UNSCETDG in order to decide which way the discussion could be pursued in the next biennium.

4. In that context the joint meeting is invited to make comments on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/44 taking care also of the views expressed in the documents mentioned in the summary.

5. As the goal is to reach harmonization between the modes it would be helpful to the UNSCETDG if the Joint Meeting could summarize the points where compromise is possible and those that cannot be accepted as well as the reasons behind it. Especially on subjects where prescriptions are different such as: documentation, marking of packages or transport units...
