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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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Transport of Dangerous Goods

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**OPTIONS TO FACILITATE GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT OF
DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS WITH THE UN MODEL REGULATIONS**

A world convention on dangerous goods transport safety

Transmitted by the World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI)

During multi-modal international transport of Class 7 materials, the transport industry can experience complexities between the regulations of the various transport modes in different jurisdictions. When there are variances between requirements for road, rail, sea, air transport and the International Atomic Energy Agency regulations (IAEA) they can be a contributing factor to the delay and even denial to shipments.

The papers submitted to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods proposing a world convention for the transport of dangerous goods have been considered by the World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI) which generally welcomes the concept.

It is recognised that substantial progress has been made to harmonize regulations between the differing transport modes and with the IAEA. WNTI considers that there is still more progress to be made in the direction of harmonisation in the international transport safety regulatory regime, including international, regional, modal and national regulations in such areas as agreed definitions, implementation dates, common interpretations, development of guidance documents.

In pursuing the concept of a World Convention WNTI suggests in the first instance that there should be a full analysis of variations from one regulatory regime to another, including a study of regional/country variations. The findings of such an analysis and study may provide fuller justification for a World Convention while providing a firm basis for any future work for greater harmonisation. WNTI stands ready to bring industry's operational experience to the table in such further considerations.
