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<u>Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods</u>

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OTHER BUSINESS

Application for consultative status by the Industrial Packaging Association (IPA)

- 1. The secretariat reproduces below information received from the Industrial Packaging Association (IPA) requesting consultative status as a non-governmental organization for participation in the work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- 2. The Sub-Committee is invited to decide whether IPA may participate in its work with a consultative status.



THE INDUSTRIAL PACKAGING ASSOCIATION www.theIPA.co.uk

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8th March 2006

Request for Consultative Status

Dear Mr. Kervella:

I am writing to request that the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods approve the Industrial Packaging Association (IPA) for consultative status. This letter and the accompanying notes provide information on IPA for consideration by the Sub-Committee at the twenty-ninth session scheduled from 3rd July 2006.

The IPA was formed in May 2004 through an amalgamation of the widely respected and long established UK Association of Drum Manufacturers (ADM), The UK Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Association (RIBCA) and the UK Federation of Container and Drum Reconditioners (FCDR).

The IPA provides a unique representation for industrial packaging as it represents members from the whole cross-sector of the industry.

The IPA is interested in numerous issues before the UN Sub-Committee - including, but not limited to, the design, manufacture, test, classification and transport requirements for steel, plastics and fibre packaging and Intermediate Bulk Containers of most common design and material types.

The IPA membership includes companies based in Ireland, Netherlands and the UK, ranging from small family businesses to large multi-national corporations. The IPA also includes respected individuals with an excellent depth of knowledge and expertise in Dangerous Goods Packaging Manufacture, Transport and Waste Management who are frequently invited to discuss issues with the UK Regulatory Authorities.

Background information on IPA activities, principal objectives, and membership is attached for the Sub-Committee's review. More detailed information may be found on the IPA web site: www.theIPA.co.uk

Should the IPA's application for consultative status is approved, the following individuals would represent IPA before the Sub-Committee:

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Thank you for considering the IPA's application for consultative status. If you have questions regarding our application, I can be reached on telephone number; +44 (0) 7770 633320 or by e-mail; philpease@theIPA.co.uk

Sincerely,

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BACKGROUND

The Industrial Packaging Association (IPA) was formed in May 2004 through an amalgamation of The Association of Drum Manufacturers (ADM - established for over 100 years), The Federation of Container and Drum Reconditioners (FCDR - established for over 50 years) and the UK Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Association (RIBCA).

The joining of these previously separate industrial packaging groups was agreed as a positive means by which to thoroughly debate the wide variety of issues affecting the industry and arrive at a consensus before making approaches and responses to the respective authorities.

This recognition of the need to have multi-lateral agreement between industrial packaging sectors has already proven to be a success for our work with the UK regulatory authorities, with positive debates, understanding and changes having already taken place in a number of important areas.

Regular meetings of members representing the manufacture, distribution and reconditioning / recycling of steel, plastic and fibre kegs, drums and IBCs has improved understanding and co-operation with benefits for all.

The IPA are represented within the UK Government liaison committees, including the Department for Transport, Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency and Department for Trade and Industry.

The IPA is also represented on the government's All Party Parliamentary Group on Packaging for debating and lobbing on specific UK related issues.

The IPA is also actively promoting best practice through creation of Codes of Practice for the handling, storage, stacking and transport of industrial packaging – with specialised training available to all members.

The IPA is also promoting research into new methods for use, handling and recovery of used packaging.

IPA provides information on new standards, reports, recommendations and other information to keep its members informed of the latest domestic and international activities and issues affecting industrial packaging.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE

The Principal Objective of the Industrial Packaging Association is to promote, preserve, protect and defend the interests in the Industrial Packaging Business of its members in connection with any effect of the local, national and international legal practices and regulations, regarding packaging and packaging associations.

GOALS

- Provide supporting legislative, regulatory and communications programs to ensure that the membership are fully aware of the current and pending key issues affecting their industry.
- Address international safety and environmental standards and transportation issues wherever possible.
- Maintain and improve relationships with other concerned organizations and develop positions on pending issues as may be considered necessary by the membership.
- Monitor and influence UK government legislative and regulatory policies that affect the industrial packaging industries.
- Involve individuals from all sectors of the membership in the association's activities and provide a forum for appropriate discussion of issues of common interest.
- Provide timely information on relevant regulatory and legislative developments that will assist members in developing appropriate compliance programs.
- Seek out ways to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness through coordination with other industry groups, to avoid duplication of effort and limit financial demands on IPA members.
- Provide a non-commercial setting for open, honest debate and understanding with additional social events and gatherings on an informal, occasional basis.

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