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TRANSPORT OF EXPLOSIVES

Amendments to the Manual of Tests and Criteria

Transmitted by the expert from Germany

On the topic of the Koenen-test (found in the Manual of Tests and Criteria as 1(b)-, 2(b)-, 8(c)-, and E.1-test) a number of parties have sought for clarification of technical specifications currently not found in the Manual of Tests and Criteria. On this issue a working document was submitted ST/SG/AC.10/2004/14 to the 25th session of the Sub-Committee by the expert from Germany, and an informal document UN/SCETDG/25/INF.92 dealing with the same issue was submitted afterwards. Further clarifications were submitted for the 27th session as UN/SCETDG/27/INF.4 upon request of other experts.

The expert from France issued a related proposal (UN/SCETDG/27/INF.36) for the 27th session, proposing the usage of a reference substance. As a result of discussion in the working group on explosives (see report UN/SCETGDG/27/INF.39) it was found that a more universal specification of the steel quality was still needed and that the usage of a reference substance may not be optimal.

Proposal

The expert from Germany proposes that the changes as detailed in UN/SCETDG/27/INF.4 are once more presented for voting and the requested specifications should be included in the next revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria.
