



Secretariat

Distr.
GENERAL

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2007/38
21 August 2007

Original: ENGLISH

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods

Thirty-second session
Geneva, 3-12 (a.m.) December 2007
Item 9 of the provisional agenda

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE MODEL REGULATIONS

Principles underlying the regulations of the transport of dangerous goods

Transmitted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1. At the thirtieth session of the Sub-Committee, the representative of IMO raised the question of the wording of paragraph 5 of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods concerning the Principles underlying the regulations of the transport of dangerous goods, which is reproduced in full below for ease of reference:

“The Model Regulations annexed to this document are addressed to all modes of transport. Where less stringent requirements can be applied to only one mode, that fact is not indicated unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. For air transport more stringent requirements may occasionally apply”.

(See also ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 98 and informal document INF.76 submitted at that session).

2. While the first sentence of the paragraph quoted above seems correct, the second sentence is certainly incorrect and misleading as the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code has provisions which might be less stringent or more stringent than the requirements in the UN Model Regulations.

GE.07-

3. The Sub-Committee agreed that the wording would require more careful consideration and that this could be done in the following biennium (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 98).

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4. The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above and take appropriate action during this biennium.
