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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Proper shipping name and technical name of generic or n.o.s. entries

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**Introduction**

1. In accordance with 2.0.2.8 substances or articles which are not specifically listed by name in the Dangerous Goods List shall be classified under a “generic” or “n.o.s.” entry. Furthermore the “generic” or “n.o.s.” entry which most appropriately describes the substances or articles shall be used.
2. Additionally in accordance with 3.1.2.8.1 those “generic” or “n.o.s.” proper shipping names that are assigned to special provision 274 in column 6 of the Dangerous Goods List shall be supplemented with the technical or chemical group name unless a national law or international convention prohibits its disclosure if it is a controlled substance. The technical and

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<sup>\*/</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2007-2008 approved by the Committee at its third session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 100 and ST/SG/AC.10/34, para. 14) (classification and documentation).

chemical group names shall be entered in brackets immediately following the proper shipping name.

3. 3.1.2.8.1.1 provides an explanation on the meaning of the term “technical name”. The technical name shall be a recognized chemical or other name currently used in scientific and technical handbooks, journals and texts. Trade names shall not be used for this purpose. In case of pesticides, only ISO common name(s), other name(s) in the WHO Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard and Guidelines to Classification, or the name(s) of the active substance(s) may be used.

4. This explanation is well-defined for most classes, but not fully ambiguous if the substance is an infectious substance of division 6.2 or a genetically modified micro-organism. It is not clear if the substance of the culture medium or the name of the micro-organism is meant. With regard to user friendliness the possibility of a biological name should be mentioned explicitly to avoid any misinterpretation

### **Proposal**

5. It is proposed to amend the beginning of 3.1.2.8.1.1 as follows (Amendments are shown in bold.)

“The technical name shall be a recognized chemical name, **if relevant a biological name**, or other name currently used in ...”

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