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**MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL
REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Provisions concerning training

Transmitted by the Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC) and the International
Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association, Inc. (VOHMA)^{*/}

Background

1. At the Sub-Committee's thirty-first session, a proposal by the expert from Sweden (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2007/7) was adopted to amend the provisions concerning training (paragraphs 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 1.5.2.7) by replacing "shall receive" by "shall have received". This change was intended to make it clearer that training must be provided upon employment rather than at some unspecified later time.

2. During the discussion on this issue, it was pointed out by several delegations as well as in an information paper by VOHMA (UN/SCETDG/31/INF.10) that an equally effective means of training for a new employee is for that person to work under the direct supervision of a trained

^{*/} 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) (further measures to facilitate global harmonization).

and qualified employee, with formal training to follow within a reasonable period of time. This approach has been used successfully in many applications. It was noted in the report of the thirty-first session that some experts felt that the revisions adopted should not prevent untrained workers from working under the supervision of a trained person. So there is no confusion on this point, DGAC proposes an additional sentence be added to paragraph 1.3.1 specifically addressing this training approach.

Proposal

3. Amend paragraph 1.3.1 as follows:

“Persons engaged in the transport of dangerous goods shall have received training in the contents of dangerous goods requirements commensurate with their responsibilities. An employee shall receive the training required by 1.3.2 within 90 days of employment and in the interim period may only perform functions, for which required training has not yet been provided, under the direct supervision of a trained and qualified person. Training requirements specific to security of dangerous goods in Chapter 1.4 shall also be addressed.”
