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AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

New entry for Chrysotile, in Class 9

Transmitted by the International Dangerous Goods and Containers Association (IDGCA)*

Introduction

1. At present Chrysotile is classified under the UN No. 2590 – White asbestos (chrysotile, actinolite, anthophyllite, tremolite).
2. Current classification for chrysotile to be in the same group as amphibole asbestos does not reflect scientific reality and therefore chrysotile should not be classified together with most dangerous amphibole types of asbestos.
3. The IDGCA proposition is based on the following argumentation:
 - (a) There is a scientific consensus that chrysotile is the least dangerous type of asbestos in comparison with amphibole types of asbestos and pose low risk for occupational groups and general population at low level and short-term exposure;

* 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)

