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on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Use of term “conveyance” in Special Provisions 289 and 356

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Introduction

1. Special Provision 289 which applies to UN numbers 0503 and 3268, AIR BAG INFLATORS, AIR BAG MODULES and SEAT BELT PRETENSIONERS and Special Provision 356 which applies to UN 3468, HYDROGEN IN METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE SYSTEMS, including storage systems packed with or contained in equipment both use the term “conveyance” to describe items into which these articles may be installed for the purposes of the special provision.

2. However, the term “conveyance” is defined in Chapter 1.2 as follows:

Conveyance means:

- (a) For transport by road or rail: any vehicle;
- (b) For transport by water: any vessel, or any hold, compartment, or defined deck area of a vessel; and
- (c) For transport by air: any aircraft;

3. This defined term is then used to describe the actual means of transport in respect of materials in Class 7, and the use of the term “conveyance” in Special Provisions 289 and 356 is therefore inappropriate.

4. It proposed that the word conveyance in the two special provisions be replaced by describing the types of things into which the air bags or metal hydride storage systems may be installed as an indication, rather than attempting to have an all encompassing term to address every possible motor vehicle, boat, aircraft, etc.

Proposals

5. Revise Special Provision 289 as follows:

289 Air bag inflators, air bag modules or seat-belt pretensioners installed in ~~conveyances~~ motor vehicles, boats, aircraft, etc. or in completed ~~conveyance~~ components such as steering columns, door panels, seats etc. are not subject to these Regulations.

6. Revise Special Provision 356 as follows:

356 Metal hydride storage system(s) installed in ~~conveyances~~ motor vehicles, boats, aircraft, etc. or in ~~completed conveyance components for or~~ fuel tanks intended to be installed in ~~conveyances~~ motor vehicles, boats, aircraft, etc. shall be approved by the competent authority before acceptance for transport. The transport document shall include an indication that the package was approved by the appropriate national authority or a copy of the approval shall accompany each consignment.
