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on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Technical (pathogen) name requirements for Category A infectious substances

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Introduction

1. Before the changes to the classification of infectious substances into Category A, UN nos. 2814 and 2900, and Category B, UN 3373, UN nos. 2814 and 2900 had special provision 274 assigned to them to identify that the proper shipping name shall be supplemented with the technical name for the purposes of documentation and package marking.
2. With the changes to infectious substances, special provision 274 was removed from the two UN numbers and a new special provision 318 was assigned which only required that the technical name be added to the proper shipping name on the dangerous goods transport document and that the technical name was not required on the package marking.
3. While special provision 318 has been in place now for a number of years there is still some confusion on the application of the technical name as the standard requirement is by virtue of special provision 274.
4. It is suggested that special provision 274 should be applied as the default position for the requirement for the proper shipping name to be supplemented with the technical for the purposes of documentation, and that for Category A infectious substances special provision 318 should then except the technical name from having to be part of the package marking.

Proposal

5. Amend the entries for UN 2814 and UN 2900 in the dangerous goods list to read as follows:

UN No.	Name and description	Class or division	Subsidiary risk	UN packing group	Special provisions	Limited and excepted quantities		Packagings and IBCs		Portable tanks and bulk containers	
								Packing instructions	Special provisions	Instructions	Special provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7a)	(7b)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
2814	INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE, AFFECTING HUMANS	6.2			274 318 341	0	E0	P620		BK1 BK2	
2900	INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE, AFFECTING HUMANS only	6.2			274 318 341	0	E0	P620		BK1 BK2	

6. Revise Special Provision 318 as follows:

318 ~~For the purposes of documentation, the proper shipping name shall be supplemented with the technical name (see 3.1.2.8). Notwithstanding the requirements of special provision 274~~ technical names need not be shown on the package. When the infectious substances to be transported are unknown, but suspected of meeting the criteria for inclusion in category A and assignment to UN 2814 or UN 2900, the words “suspected category A infectious substance” shall be shown, in parentheses, following the proper shipping name on the transport document, but not on the outer packagings.