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Proposal

1. Add the following definition to 2.6.3.1:

   [Unclean medical device or equipment] means a medical device or piece of equipment contaminated with a potentially infectious substance.

2. Add the following paragraph to 2.6.3.2.3 Exemptions:

   2.6.3.2.3.x

   [Unclean medical devices or equipment] which are being carried for purposes of disinfection, cleaning, sterilization, repair, or equipment defect evaluation before their subsequent reuse are not subject to the provisions of the Model Regulations if packed in rigid, puncture-resistant packagings of metal or plastic, which shall be designed to meet the construction requirements listed in 6.1.4.

   These packagings shall meet the general packing requirements of 4.1.1.1 and 4.1.1.2 and be capable of retaining the medical devices and equipment when dropped from a height of 1.2 m. For air shipments, the additional requirements of 4.1.1.4.1 shall be meet.

   The packagings shall bear the inscription ["UNCLEAN MEDICAL DEVICE" or "UNCLEAN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT"]. When using overpacks, such inscriptions shall be marked in the same manner, unless the inscriptions remain visible.

   This exemption shall not apply to unclean medical devices or equipment containing infectious substances in Category A. Such devices or equipment shall be assigned to UN No. 2814 or 2900.

   Note: *This provision shall not apply to medical devices contaminated or filled with other dangerous goods that meet the definition of another hazard class.*