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Proposal

1. Add the following paragraph to 2.6.3.2.3 Exemptions:

2.6.3.2.3.x

This exemption shall not apply to:

- [medical waste (UN3291),
- medical devices or equipment containing infectious substances in Category A (UN2814 or UN2900), or
- medical devices or equipment contaminated or containing other dangerous goods that meet the definition of another hazard class.]

~~Unclean~~ Medical devices or equipment contaminated with potentially infectious substances 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 these Model Regulations if packed in packaging designed and constructed in such a way that, under normal conditions of transport, they cannot break, be punctured or leak their contents rigid, puncture-resistant packagings of metal or plastic, which shall be designed to meet the construction requirements listed in 6.1.4 or 6.5.5.

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-transport, the additional requirements of 4.1.1.4.1 shall be met.

The packagings shall bear the ~~inscription~~ marking {“~~UNCLEAN CONTAMINATED~~ MEDICAL DEVICE” or “~~UNCLEAN CONTAMINATED~~ MEDICAL EQUIPMENT”}. [When using overpacks, such ~~inscriptions~~ markings 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.~~

2. Renumber the actual paragraph "2.2.6.2.3.3" as "2.2.6.2.3.3.1".
3. Add a new paragraph 2.2.6.2.3.3.2:

2.2.6.2.3.3.2 Contaminated medical equipment which has been drained of free liquid is aimed to fulfill the exemption in 2.2.6.2.3.3.1 and is not subject to these Regulations if the surface outside the equipment has been disinfected to remove or mitigate the infectious hazard prior to transportation.
