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Listing, classification and packing

Application of requirements for open cryogenic receptacles

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1. The 16th revised edition of the Model Regulations introduced new provisions for open cryogenic receptacles in P203. Specifically P203 paragraph 9 for open cryogenic receptacles requires that the receptacle shall bear marking, which must be permanently affixed, that provides certain information.
2. The provisions of the 16th revised edition have now been incorporated into the modal regulations which will start becoming effective from 1 January 2011. As these modal regulations have become available to users of those regulations some questions have been raised by manufacturers of open cryogenic receptacles as to the application of P203 paragraph 9.
3. The specific issue relates to the effectivity of these new provisions for existing open cryogenic receptacles. As there are many open cryogenic receptacles in transport, the users and manufacturers of these existing open cryogenic receptacles are seeking advice as to when the new marking requirements in P203 paragraph 9 must be applied.

Proposal

4. The Subcommittee is invited to confirm the application of the marking on open cryogenic receptacles only applies to open cryogenic receptacles that are designed, tested and manufactured after the date into which the modal regulations take force, i.e. not before 1 January 2011, and that existing open cryogenic receptacles are not required to be so marked.
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