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Explosives and related matters

Amendments to packing instructions for explosives - Consequential amendments

Note by the secretariat

1. Reference is made to the amendments to the 16th revised edition of the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted in December 2010 (ST/SG/AC.10/38/Add.1).

2. On the basis of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2010/66 (Germany) and of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2010/8 (Italy), amendments were adopted to add external packagings with non-removable heads as authorized outer packagings when the same outer packaging was authorized with a removable head and to permit the use of packagings other than aluminium or steel.

3. While preparing the 17th revised edition of the Model Regulations, the secretariat noted that some consequential amendments were needed in relation to these modifications.

4. Consequential amendments to PP52 in P114(b), PP60 in P115 and PP75 in P140 and 4.1.5.17 were already included in a corrigendum to the list of amendments ST/SG/AC.10/38/Add.1/Corr.1.

5. In P111 and P114(a), drums in metal other than steel or aluminium (1N1, 1N2) and plastics, steel and aluminium drums with non-removable heads have been added in the list of permitted outer packaging. The Sub-Committee may wish to indicate if the use of these external packagings is relevant for UN 0159 and UN 0342 and if, as a consequence, PP43 should also be amended.

Proposal:

P111 and P114(a), PP43 Amend to read as follows:

"PP43 For UN 0159, inner packagings are not required when metal (1A1, 1A2, 1B1, 1B2, 1N1 or 1N2) or plastics (1H1 or 1H2) drums are used as outer packagings."