

## Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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### Other business

## Shipments of certain dangerous goods by post

### Transmitted by the European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink and Artists Colours Industry (CEPE), the European Cosmetics Association (Colipa) and the European Aerosol Federation (FEA)

1. In accordance with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Convention, shipments of dangerous goods by post are prohibited except for certain infectious substances and radioactive materials.
2. Recent years have seen a continuous growth in the acceptance of eCommerce, not only B2C (online shopping) but also C2C (e.g. eBay). The side effect being increased illegal shipments of consumer dangerous goods (e.g. aerosol products, paints) by post.
3. CEPE, the European Council of the Paint, Printing ink and Artists' Colours Industry, COLIPA, the European Cosmetics Association, and FEA, the European Aerosol Federation, wrote to UPU in January 2011 to suggest allowing shipments of certain dangerous goods by post under strict but workable conditions for both general public, postal services, shippers and companies to secure safe shipments for all actors.
4. CEPE, Colipa and FEA intend to make technical proposals to UPU. At this stage, it is suggested to take the ICAO Technical Instructions as a reference and:
  - The provisions from the LQ and/or Consumer Commodity regimes should be used, but with lower quantities;
  - The LQ marking will be needed, but marking requirements could need to be adapted to fit a shipment by post (small packaging);
  - Not all dangerous products should be allowed (e.g. no toxic products).
5. CEPE, Colipa and FEA invite the Sub-Committee to provide input on these suggestions.
6. FEA also asked for input from the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel before proceeding with UPU.