



**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****Forty-first session**

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Listing, classification and packing:**proposals of amendments to the list of dangerous goods of Chapter 3.2****Medical devices or equipment containing infectious
substances****Transmitted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)¹****Background**

1. At the fortieth session of the Sub-Committee, ICAO submitted the informal document SCETDG/40/INF.40 (Information on decisions taken by the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP)). This included two issues raised by the DGP in relation to medical devices or equipment containing infectious substances.
2. Exceptions were added in 2.6.3.2.3.7 which minimize packaging standards for such devices or equipment “potentially contaminated with or containing infectious substances”. However, neither a definition nor guidance was added to specify their size. The DGP believed that the exceptions could be applied to smaller-sized equipment containing Category B infectious substances present and that this was not the intent of the original exception. It is suggested that guidance should be developed to clarify the intent of this exception.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2011-2012 approved by the Committee at its fifth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/76, para. 116 and ST/SG/AC.10/38, para. 16).

3. The new note to 2.6.3.2.3.3 states:
“Medical equipment which has been drained of free liquid and meets the requirements of this paragraph is not subject to these Regulations”. The DGP were concerned that this note might be interpreted as being contradictory to the new requirements contained in 2.6.3.2.3.7 and asked that the issue be brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee.

Proposal

4. The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the two issues and to provide guidance, if considered necessary.
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