

**Environmentally Hazardous Substances  
Correspondence Working Group – Terms of reference**

During the present session, the Sub-Committee considered documents 2012/27 and INF.39 relevant to provisions for the transport of packages containing small quantities of environmentally hazardous substances. There was general support within the Sub-Committee for finding a way forward to address the issues raised, and it was agreed that a correspondence working group could work towards a comprehensive solution to be considered at the following session. The United States volunteered to facilitate this effort with other interested members and observers. The Sub-Committee requested that terms of reference be developed and in consultation with others, the below terms are presented for approval by the Sub-Committee:

**Terms of Reference**

The correspondence group shall consider the development of provisions for the transport of packages containing small quantities of environmentally hazardous substances taking into account the following:

- 1 – Identify the applicability and approaches of current national, regional, and modal regulations with respect to the transport of environmentally hazardous substances.
- 2 – Consider current industry practices and applications, and the impact of the implementation of the GHS-based aquatic toxicity criteria within the transport regime.
- 3 – Consider current provisions and their applicability based on the risk posed in transport; work to identify where improvements to the current system could be made to address the concerns raised by interested parties that maintain an appropriate level of transport safety.
- 4 – Consider amendments to SP 335 that have been agreed in principle for adoption by the Sub-Committee at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Session.
- 5 - The correspondence group shall develop a proposal with options for ways forward to be considered by the Sub-Committee at its 42<sup>nd</sup> session.