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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-fifth session**

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Explosives and related matters: miscellaneous**Treatment of examples in Section 1.1.2 of the Manual of
Tests and Criteria****Transmitted by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers'
Institute (SAAMI)¹****Introduction**

1. At the forty-third session, the Sub-Committee considered SAAMI's proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/17 to amend the introductory portions of the Manual of Tests and Criteria. SAAMI suggested to append text to section 1.1.2 to provide instruction for the use of examples within test procedures. This is because classification activities have been impeded by prescriptive enforcement of these examples without benefit to safety.

2. The proposal was referred to the Working Group on Explosives, which recommended alternative text: "Examples may also be listed within various test procedures. These are meant to be used for purposes of illustration and are not meant to be prescriptive in nature." SAAMI supported this revised text as an improvement to its original proposal. A summary of the deliberations of the Working Group is contained in informal document INF.61/Rev.1 (43rd session) under agenda item 2(b).

3. The Sub-Committee reviewed the report of the Working Group on Explosives, and adopted this proposed amendment to paragraph 1.1.2 of the Manual with some modifications (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86/Add.1): "Examples may also be listed within

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

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Discussion

4. SAAMI was unable to comment at the time the Sub-Committee made modifications to the recommendations of the Working Group on Explosives. It is our opinion that the introduction of the word “primarily” would still promote unnecessary enforcement of examples. SAAMI has consulted with others and have derived a new text which we believe will add clarity. It would replace the text in Annex I to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86/Add.1 (i.e. “Examples may also be listed within various test procedures. These are primarily to be used for purposes of illustrations”).

Proposal

5. Replace the amendment to 1.1.2 in Annex I to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86/Add.1 with the following:

“Add the following text at the end of current paragraph 1.2.1 in the 5th revised edition of the Manual: “Examples that are listed within the test procedures are provided for informational purposes and to provide assistance in understanding the procedural setup. They are not intended to be prescriptive in nature and alternatives may be used provided the above objectives are achieved.”
