

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

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Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency

Outcome of TRANSSC 27

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TRANSSC 27 concluded that the 2013 review cycle of the *Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (SSR-6) 2012 Edition* will not initiate a revision cycle for SSR-6 and the associated *Advisory Material for the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (TS-G-1.1)*. The next review cycle will begin in January 2015.

1. The 27th meeting of the IAEA Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC 27) was held from November 11 to 15, 2013. The meeting was conducted in two parts. The first part of the meeting began with the convening of a plenary working group (WG) to review proposals for changes to SSR-6, submitted as part of the 2013 review cycle. The WG reviewed over 60 proposals for changes to SSR-6 and the associated TS-G-1.1.
2. The WG accepted, rejected, and identified proposed changes that warranted further evaluation with an overall recommendation to TRANSSC plenary that, after due consideration, a revision cycle for the Regulations in SSR-6 and the associated Advisory Material in TS-G-1.1 should not be initiated at this time.
3. Following the completion of the plenary WG, two working groups were convened to discuss the following: (1) development of a template for Thematic Safety Area (TSA) 7 for transport safety, related to the for the Agency's Radiation Safety Information Management System (RASIMS) and (2) to consider recommendations made to TRANSSC for changes to be made to existing transport regulations and Safety Guides relevant to the licensing and use of dual purpose (transport and storage) casks for spent nuclear fuel. The conclusions and recommendations of the working groups are included in the TRANSSC 27 report.
4. The second part of TRANSSC 27 convened to conduct the "business" of TRANSSC, which included the decision on whether to enter a revision cycle for the transport regulations, review, approval, and clearance of documents, updates on topics of importance related to transport of radioactive material, and discussing activities of the Committee for the next year. TRANSSC received the recommendation of the plenary WG and made the decision not to enter the revision cycle for the transport regulations. TRANSSC also decided to initiate further assessment of the proposed changes that warranted further evaluation with an instruction that this work is concluded in 2014 to inform the 2015 review cycle. This further assessment will be accomplished by technical meetings, consultancy meetings, and within the inter agency group (which includes IAEA, IMO, ICAO, and the UNECE).
5. TRANSSC received an update from the UNECE on the activities of the SCETDG, from Ms Sabrina Mansion.

A summary of the discussions, decisions, and actions at TRANSSC 27 are provided in the TRANSSC 27 report, which is available in draft form at the TRANSSC 27 website: <http://www-ns.iaea.org/committees/transsc/default.asp?fd=1399&dt=0>.

6. Finally, the Chair of the TRANSSC committee, Mr. Bill Brach, will retire from his duties as Chair of TRANSSC at the end of this year. His dedicated service, effective leadership, and collegial manner as Chair of TRANSSC for the last 2 terms was acknowledged by the IAEA Secretariat and all the TRANSSC members in attendance. A new three year term for TRANSSC will begin in 2014 with nominations for TRANSSC members by Member States to be sought in January 2014 and the subsequent appointment of a new TRANSSC Chair.
