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**Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations  
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: marking and labelling****Reduced dimensions of labels****Transmitted by the expert from Germany<sup>1</sup>****Introduction**

1. In the 18th revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, paragraph 5.2.2.1.1.3 was amended to read as follows:

“5.2.2.2.1.1.3 If the size of the package so requires the dimensions may be reduced, provided the symbols and other elements of the label remain clearly visible. The line inside the edge shall remain 5 mm to the edge of the label. The minimum width of the line inside the edge shall remain 2 mm. Dimensions for cylinders shall comply with 5.2.2.2.1.2.”

2. The implementation of the requirements laid down in the second and third sentences unnecessarily results in the symbols on the scaled down labels no longer being identifiable. However, the symbols are identifiable when the labels are reduced proportionally. This is clearly shown in the example of the Class 8 label below. The figures on the left side are proportionally reduced labels, to their right are labels whose dimensions were reduced in accordance with para. 5.2.2.2.1.1.3.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2015-2016 approved by the Committee at its seventh session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92, paragraph 95 and ST/SG/AC.10/42, para. 15).

## **Proposal**

3. It is proposed to amend paragraph 5.2.2.2.1.1.3 to read as follows:

“If the size of the package so requires, the dimensions may be reduced proportionally, provided the symbols and other elements of the label remain clearly visible. Dimensions for cylinders shall comply with 5.2.2.2.1.2.”

