

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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Outcome of TRANSSC 31

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1. The thirty-first meeting of the IAEA Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC 30) was held from 2 to 6 November 2015. This was the fourth meeting of current TRANSSC term, which will be four years in duration and end in 2018. The TRANSSC Chair, Mr Paul Hinrichsen of South Africa, presided over the meeting.
2. Day 1 of the meeting included approval of the meeting agenda, approval of the previous meeting report, review of the TRANSSC Action Record Sheet, and feedback from the meeting of the Commission on Safety Standards and the meeting of the Chairs of the Safety Standards Committees. Member State presentations on the status of regulation of transport of radioactive material were provided by Slovakia and Kenya. The Committee approved several safety documents and cleared security documents. At this time TRANSSC received an update from the UNECE on the activities of the SCETDG, Mr Kervella explained the developments that took place since TRANSSC 30 at the level of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
3. The main purpose of the meeting was to conclude the review of over 150 proposals for change received from Member States during the 2015 review cycle and to determine if a revision is needed to the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (SSR-6) 2012 Edition and its Advisory Material (SSG-26). The majority of proposals were accepted and the Committee agreed there is sufficient safety significance of the proposals to warrant a revision of SSR-6 and SSG-26. The revision process has now been launched that will ultimately lead to a new edition of the SSR-6 Regulations, scheduled for 2018.
4. The principal topics that justified a new edition of IAEA Transport Regulations are the new category of Surface Contaminated Objects (SCO-III), transport after long storage, clarification and harmonization of the regulations.
5. A summary of the discussions, decisions, and actions at TRANSSC 31 is provided in the TRANSSC 31 report, which is available in draft form on the TRANSSC 31 website:

<http://www-ns.iaea.org/committees/transsc/default.asp?fd=1598&dt=0>
