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Globally harmonized standard for explosives security markings – Comment to UN/SCETDG/49/INF.35

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Background

1. Various countries throughout the world, including those within the European Union and North America, have implemented explosive marking requirements containing unique security related identification information. These unique identification markings may be present on explosives and packages containing explosives in the transportation stream, and those involved in transportation (e.g. offerors and carriers) will see these markings. For these reasons it is important the Model Regulations provide recognition of the potential presence of these marking and encourage an internationally consistent format to facilitate international and multimodal transport.

Proposal

2. Insert the following note immediately after paragraph 1.4.3.2.1 of the Model Regulations:

Note: In addition to the security provisions of these Regulations, competent authorities may implement further security provisions for reasons other than safety of dangerous goods during transport. In order to not impede international and multimodal transport by different explosives security markings, it is recommended that such markings be formatted consistent with an internationally harmonized standard (e.g. European Union Commission Directive 2008/43/EC).