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## Summary of points agreed on concerning the work for the transport of category A class 6.2 wastes (lunchtime Working group)

### Transmitted by the expert from France

1. The current situation is not satisfactory  

Although theoretically a big size packaging may be manufactured according to 6.3 this has created difficulties in practice.

It does not allow to respond to a crisis such as the Ebola outbreak as a great number of packages need to be available in a short time outside the usual market, which is not possible under these conditions.
2. Requirements specific to that case should be defined  

The development of a solution for the transport of these cat A clinical wastes should not interfere with requirements for the usual transport of class 6.2 cat A, that do not currently cause any problem.

Especially a specific packing instruction could be defined.
3. It should be tried to approach the high level of safety provided by chapter 6.3 by referring to its performance level and design requirements when feasible.
  - (a) There was broad consensus for requirements concerning:
    - Triple packaging as defined in P620
    - Absorbent material packed with the waste allowing to consider it as a solid
    - Procedures for cleaning or disinfecting the inner packagings before placing them in the outers or intermediate.
  - (b) There was some consensus to define a performance level for the drop test to be equivalent to a 9 m drop but there was some differences in view concerning the assessment of it:
    - By performing an actual 9 m drop test

- By calculation through a mass drop height relation (a drop from 1.8 m with a higher mass would be equivalent to a 9 m drop with a lower mass) – data to support this calculation shall be provided
- (c) Points to be further investigated
- Pas fail criteria
  - Puncture test
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