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**Listing, classification and packing**

Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/32

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Introduction

1. In ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/32, an anomaly on the excepted quantities provisions for **UN 3208, Metallic substance, water-reactive, n.o.s.** packing group II was raised. It was noted that code E0 was assigned for packing group II in column 7b of the Dangerous Goods List in UN Model Regulations whereas code E2 is assigned for the corresponding entry in the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air. Furthermore, this is not consistent with the approach taken for assignment of E codes for packing group II for similar substances.

2. Following the adoption of excepted quantity provisions, ICAO presented proposals to align the E codes in the UN Model Regulations with those in the Technical Instructions after a number of substances forbidden on passenger aircraft (and permitted in the UN Model Regulations) and other anomalies were noted (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/88 and informal document INF.48 (forty-second session)). These were adopted (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, paras. 25 and 26) and then included in the consolidated list of amendments to the seventeenth revised edition (ST/SG/AC.10/40/Add.1).

3. Unfortunately, a typographical error in the original paper - UN 3209 replaced by UN 3208 - resulted in the anomaly identified by China. Therefore, ICAO agrees with the proposal in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/32 to correct the error. Additionally, ICAO proposes to amend the E code for UN 3209, packing group II, as initially intended.

Proposal

4. For **UN 3208, Metallic substances, water-reactive, n.o.s.** in the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2, *replace* “E0” by “E2” in column 7b of packing group II.

5. For **UN 3209, Metallic substances, water-reactive, self-heating, n.o.s.** in the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2, *replace* “E2” by “E0” in column 7b of packing group II.

1. 2020 (A/74/6 (Sect.20) and Supplementary, Subprogramme 2) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)