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**WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

New proposals

UN 1350 Sulphur – SP 242

Transmitted by the observer from Austria

At the seventeenth session of the Committee (December 1992) it was decided, by a rather narrow vote of 5:3 to introduce SP 242 against UN 1350 Sulphur thus exempting it from the scope of the Recommendations when transported in packages or (in general) when transported in a specific shape (e.g. prills, granules etc.).

In the light of the evaluation of the consequences of this decision in particular of an accident in Austria with packaged sulphur, where the lack of the usual information available in the case of classified dangerous goods caused quite some irritation for the emergency services, the Committee is asked to come back to the matter, bearing in mind in particular that

- no benefit for safety has been achieved by this exemption;
- the initial reason for the classification of sulphur was the formation of SO₂ in case of fire;
- no justification with regard to that risk can be given for the distinction between sulphur as powder and sulphur in prills, granules, etc.;
- no safety benefit can be gained from giving preference to transport in unspecified and untested packaging instead of transport in bulk fulfilling the applicable requirements for TDG;
- classification as dangerous goods and displaying the relevant information leads to specific measures by emergency services likely to reduce the damage in case of an accident.

Proposal

In the Dangerous Goods List, delete 'SP 242' in column 6 for the entry UN 1350 Sulphur and delete SP 242 in the list of section 3.3.1.
