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NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Amendment to 2.2.9.1.15

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom */

SUMMARY	
Executive Summary:	The text of 2.2.9.1.15 requires all Class 9 goods to be assigned to either Packing Group II or III, but not all class 9 UN numbers have or need a packing group, for example, UN 3359 Fumigated Unit; therefore, it is appropriate to amend the text of 2.2.9.1.15 to reflect this.
Action to be taken:	Amend the text of 2.2.9.1.15.

1. Introduction

The text of 2.2.9.1.15 requires that all Class 9 goods are assigned to either Packing group II or Packing group III. However, not all Class 9 goods are assigned to a packing group, for example, UN 2990 Life-Saving Appliances, self-inflating, UN 3072 Life-Saving Appliances, non-self-inflating, UN 3245 Genetically Modified Micro-organisms and UN 3359 Fumigated Units. Therefore, the current text of 2.2.9.1.15 is misleading as it implies that all class 9 goods must be assigned to a packing group, which clearly in some cases is not appropriate or practical.

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Therefore, the United Kingdom suggests amending the text of 2.2.9.1.15 to make clear that not all class 9 goods can be assigned to a packing group.

2. Proposal

Amend 2.2.9.1.15 as follows:

"The substances and articles of Class 9 listed as such in Table A of Chapter 3.2 are, where appropriate, assigned to one of the following packing groups according to their degree of danger:"

The rest of the text remains unchanged.

3. Justification and Safety implications

The proposal does not change the substance of the text and will have no direct safety implications, but will improve the clarity of the text on assignment of packing groups to class 9 goods.

4. Feasibility and Enforceability

No enforcement problems are foreseen.
