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Introduction

Belgium agrees with the representative of Austria that paragraph 9 (a) of Packing Instruction P650 ought to be clarified. But the note, proposed by Austria, causes some problems :

- special provision 297 (with respect to dry ice) does not exist (in fact, there are no “applicable requirements of ADR/RID” for this exempted substance) ;
- the “applicable requirements of ADR/RID” for liquid nitrogen are very succinct, and given in special provision 593 ; they do not correspond to what is given in the proposed note.

Because of the very limited applicable requirements for these substances, they can be given, instead of being referred to, in the first sentence of paragraph 9 (a).

Proposal

Replace the first sentence of paragraph 9 (a) of Packing Instruction P650 with :

“When liquid nitrogen is used to keep specimens cold, it shall be contained in double wall receptacles which comply with the provisions of packing instruction P203(12) of 4.1.4.1.”.
