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USE OF PACKAGINGS AND IBCs

Packing Instructions

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Clarification in connection with document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/41

1. The discussion on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/41 during the meeting of the Sub-Committee in June-July 1998, made clear that some delegates interpreted the second possibility of the Belgian document (solution 2 : introduce the most stringent Packing Instructions in existence in the different modes, with the exception of the air mode) in a very restrictive manner, not intended by the authors of the document.
2. Belgium too agrees that a reasonable compromise between the packing provisions for the different modes of transport must be sought. Falling back on the principle of paragraph 5 of the Model Regulations would only be necessary for those cases where such a compromise will not be reached.

In other words, “the most stringent Packing Instructions *in existence* in the different modes” in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/41 is a dynamic statement, meaning that the agreed changes for harmonisation purposes of the immediate future are to be taken into account. It is **not** intended to be the same as “the most stringent provisions *currently* applicable to the various modes of transport” (as in the report of the meeting ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/30, item 33) where the harmonisation efforts that go on at this moment would be disregarded.
