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Sour Crude

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This paper presents the results of discussions at the present meeting regarding UN/SCETDG/34/INF.27 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/96 commenting on decisions taken by the Sub-Committee at its previous session regarding classification of sour crude (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/12). As a result of these discussions, the following amendments are proposed:

- 1. Delete the entries for UN 3495 PETROLEUM SOUR CRUDE OIL, TOXIC FLAMMABLE (all packing groups) adopted at the previous session.
- 2. Add the following new special provision XXX to Chapter 3.3 and apply it to UN 1267, PETROLEUM CRUDE OIL (all three PG entries):

Petroleum crude oil containing hydrogen sulphide in sufficient concentration that vapours evolved from the crude oil can present an inhalation hazard shall be consigned under the entry UN 3494 PETROLEUM SOUR CRUDE OIL, FLAMMABLE, TOXIC.

3. Amend special provision 343 adopted at the previous session to read as follows:

"This entry applies to crude oil containing hydrogen sulphide in sufficient concentration that vapours evolved from the crude oil can present an inhalation hazard. The packing group assigned shall be determined by the flammability hazard or inhalation hazard, in accordance with the degree of danger presented".

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