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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT  
OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods  
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MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS  
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Chapter 3.2

Creation of a new entry

“Organometallic compound, solid, n.o.s.”

Transmitted by the expert from France

1. Introduction

(a) UN No. 3207 “ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUND or COMPOUND SOLUTION or COMPOUND DISPERSION, WATER-REACTIVE, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.” only permits the carriage of substances in the liquid state where the subsidiary risk for which the list in Chapter 3.2 makes provision is that of Class 3.

The industry has currently reintroduced the carriage of solid organometallic compounds. In the absence of any other name or description they are assigned to UN No. 3132 “WATER-REACTIVE SOLID, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.”

In our opinion a better solution is to enable shippers to use a proper shipping name as close as possible to the description of the goods according to 3.1.1.2. Carriage of UN No. 3132 is in any case prohibited in some transport modes (RID/ADR).

For this reason we propose the introduction of a new UN number to be known as “ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUND, WATER-REACTIVE, FLAMMABLE, SOLID, N.O.S.”.

The conditions of carriage would be identical to those of UN No. 3132.

(b) More generally, the expert from France proposes that it should be checked whether the problem of whether the state of the compound is liquid or solid arises for other generic entries.

If this is the case, he proposes that these entries should systematically allow for either solid or liquid substances.

If the Committee approves this approach, France may in the future submit a proposal to introduce the new entries required.

## 2. Proposal

Add a new UN number to Chapter 3.2 of the Recommendations, to read:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
33XX	ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUND, WATER-REACTIVE, FLAMMABLE, SOLID, N.O.S.	4.3	4.1	I	109	NONE	P403 IBC99			
		4.3	4.1	II	109 222 274	500 g	P410 IBC04			
		4.3	4.1	III	109 222 223 274	1 kg	P410 IBC06			

## 3. Changes arising from this amendment

If this amendment is adopted, the alphabetical list must be modified correspondingly.

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