

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT  
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Comments to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2000/32  
Placarding of transport units with dangerous goods in limited quantities

Transmitted by the expert from Norway

The expert from Norway is sympathetic to the basic idea behind the proposal from Germany and Sweden that there should be provisions for placarding of transport units with large quantities of dangerous goods in limited quantities.

Norway nevertheless is of the opinion that such provisions shall only be applicable for such dangerous goods that really have the potential of escalating into a major event in case of an accident. In our opinion such transport units should only be placarded if they contain goods for which an outside fire will lead to escalation of the accident in opening up packagings to let the contents flow freely and enhance the fire, such as flammable liquids of Class 3 and/or flammable gasses of Division 2.1. Such incidents, even with fatalities, have been reported. One could also argue that goods of classes 4.1 and 5.2 should be included. In our opinion, the transport of these goods in limited quantities is so small that it does not merit the inclusion of placarding requirements.

Norway therefore propose that the new 5.3.2.3.1 proposed by Germany and Sweden in doc. ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2000/32 should be amended to read:

“5.3.2.3.1 Transport units carrying flammable liquids of Class 3 and/or flammable gasses of Division 2.1 in limited quantities of [2000] l/kg gross mass or more ..... (rest unchanged).”