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AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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**TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH AND
TWENTY-FIRST SESSIONS AND RELATED PROPOSALS**

**Revision of division 6.2 provisions, P650 and comments on the proposed text for infectious
Substances**

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Background

1. Until now the transport of infectious substances for all quantities concerned has been safeguarded by the regulations which include manifesting, handling, labeling and provision of information. The proposals for P650 now indicate that infectious substances in Part 1 and in category B are no longer subject to any other requirements. The only requirement remaining is marking of the UN number.

Widespread concern has risen in the international pilot community due to these proposed changes for transport of infectious substances.

The Pilot-in-command (P-I-C) is responsible for the operation of the aircraft, and has the final authority as to the disposition of the aircraft while in command (ICAO Annex 2, Chapter 2). The safety precautions for which the P-I-C is responsible include all necessary emergency response information for every aspect of flight operation being readily available on the flight deck. This, necessarily, includes the NOTOC with its vital Dangerous Goods (DG) emergency response information.

This is to safeguard the proper emergency response for both individuals involved and members of the general public.

In order to fulfil this requirement the following change is proposed:

2. Proposal

DELETE the last sentence in P650 Part 1 which says:

“Infectious substances in Category B which are packed and marked in accordance with Part 1 of this packing instruction are not subject to any other requirement in these Regulations.”

INSERT with the following as last part of Part 1:

“Infectious substances in Category B that are packed in accordance with Part 1 of this packing instruction are subject to all the other requirements in these Regulations. The UN number and proper shipping name are UN 3373, DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMENS or CLINICAL SPECIMENS. The label for Division 6.2 is required.”

As a consequence **DELETE** the separate UN 3373 marking requirements in Part 1.
