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

Transport of Infectious Substances

Transmitted by the World Health Organization

Background

1. During the 21st meeting of the Sub-committee, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/16 was extensively discussed and adopted with minor amendments (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/42/Add.3). Concerning the UN transport exemption for blood products, the attention of WHO was later raised to the fact that this exemption should be limited to blood products to be used for transfusion and/or transplantation, not to blood products in general, which otherwise fall under "biological products". Extensive consultations and discussions within WHO allowed the formulation of the text below:

Proposal

2.6.3.2.4 Appropriately amend the text to read:

"Blood or blood components which ~~has~~have been collected for the purpose of ~~blood~~-transfusion or for the preparation of blood products to be used for transfusion or transplantation, ~~blood products~~, and any tissues or organs intended for use in transplantsation are not subject to these regulations.
