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Transmitted by the Expert from Norway

1. Introduction

The expert from the United Kingdom, in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2003/39, makes various comments and proposals regarding carriage of UN 3065, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES in wooden barrels. Among the proposals is an insertion of the phrase "... meeting the general requirements of 4.1.1, as appropriate..." into SP247.

As the initiator of SP 247, Norway would like to remind the sub-Committee that the text "wooden casks" was carefully chosen at the time, as opposed to the term "wooden barrels" used elsewhere in the Regulations. Reference to Chapter 4 was also deliberately left out, due to the fact that for alcoholic beverages, as part of the manufacturing process (maturing), the transport is carried out in old sherry or port casks (used!). Such transports have been going on for more than 100 years between Norway and Australia and return (which is a considerable sea voyage) without any problems, and the expert from Norway is of the opinion that a reference to 4.1.1 will only create problems for such transports with no added safety.

2. Proposal

Norway, since, contrary to what is stated in the proposal from UK, there is no reference to chapter 6.1 in SP 247 today, proposes not to introduce the proposed text in SP247.