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EXPLOSIVES, SELF-REACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND ORGANIC PEROXIDES

Manual of Tests and Criteria
Texts of 10.4.3.3 versus 16.3.1

Transmitted by the expert from Norway

1. Background

The texts of 10.4.3.3 and 16.3.1 both covers the issue of classifying to a division of Class 1 based on results from Test Series 6. The text also covers the use of other tests or available information as an alternative to performing the Test Series 6. In 10.4.3.3(a) this is assigned to “a qualified explosives expert”, while in 16.3.1(a) this should be done by a competent authority.

2. Proposal

The expert from Norway proposes that the text of 10.4.3.3(a) be aligned with the text of 16.3.1(a) to read:

“The product, including any packaging, can be unambiguously assigned to a division by a competent authority on the basis of results from other tests or of available information; or”

3. Justification

Recent history has shown that leaving the classification of explosives to other than the competent authority or bodies designated by them has led to fatal accidents. The text of 16.3.1 is furthermore a more recent text, introduced by the working group that last revised the Test Series 6(c). It should also be noted that 2.1.3.2 of the IMDG Code, as well as 1.5.1.3 of the ICAO Technical Instructions, makes reference to approvals by a competent authority.
