

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A
WORKING GROUP ON IBC PERFORMANCE TESTS
(Paris, 10-14 October 2005)**

Transmitted by the Expert from Canada

Scope: UN IBC test protocols using the formal and informal papers discussed at the 27th session of the UNSCETDG, and verbal comments, as a starting point for discussion.

- Objective:
1. Review the test protocols and test acceptance criteria in the current UN Recommendations to ensure that IBCs that meet the stated minimum requirements are strong enough to survive real transport and handling conditions;
 2. Consider recent reported performance experience of “lightweight” IBCs and whether specific marking and test protocols should be developed and prescribed in the Model Regulations;
 3. Consider clarifying requirements in light of current compliance/interpretation testing practices (e.g., leakproofness test);
 4. Propose appropriate changes to the test protocols and IBCs’ markings that are deemed necessary as a result of this review;
 5. Changes to tests, acceptance criteria or new tests may be considered as appropriate.

Time line: Prepare an interim progress report as an INF. Document for presentation at the Sub-Committee’s twenty-eighth session (December 2005).

If appropriate, prepare a formal proposal to the Sub-Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCETDG) for consideration not later than its twenty-ninth session (July 2006).

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