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**PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

During the discussions on restructuring of Class 7 at the twenty-ninth session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/53) it was agreed that there was a need to amend the general definition of "freight container" in Chapter 1.2 to remove the reference to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC). Members of the Sub Committee felt that it was not appropriate to include such a reference within the main text of the definition. However, it remains necessary to make some reference to CSC in the Model Regulations. The United Kingdom undertook to review the text.

Proposal

The expert from the United Kingdom considers that there should be a reference to the CSC in a Note at the end of the definition for freight containers. This placing would assist the reader, in that he/she would expect to find a reference to a relevant standard for an item alongside text describing it. It would also be consistent with other paragraphs in the Model Regulations, where formal standards that can be followed to meet a requirement are cited in an accompanying Note.

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Amend the Chapter 1.2 definition of "freight container" as follows:

“Freight container means an article of transport equipment that is of a permanent character and accordingly strong enough to be suitable for repeated use; specially designed to facilitate the transport of goods, by one or other modes of transport, without intermediate reloading; and designed to be secured and/or readily handled, having fittings for these purposes.

Note: Freight containers should be approved in accordance with the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), 1972, as amended” .
