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MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Labels of Division 5.2

Note by the Secretariat

5.2.2.2.1.1

1. According to 5.2.2.2.1.1 of the Model Regulations, the line inside the edge of a label shall have the same colour as the symbol.

For reference, the existing text of 5.2.2.2.1.1 reads as follows:

"5.2.2.2.1.1 Labels shall be in the form of a square set at an angle of 45° (diamond-shaped) with minimum dimensions of 100 mm by 100 mm, except in the case of packages of such dimensions that they can only bear smaller labels and as provided in 5.2.2.2.1.2. They shall have a line of the same colour as the symbol, 5 mm inside the edge and running parallel with it. Labels shall be displayed on a background of contrasting colour, or shall have either a dotted or solid outer boundary line."

However, for the label model No. 5.2 with white symbol: the line is black on yellow lower half of the label (see 5.2.2.2.2).

Discussion

2. The Sub-committee may wish to consider replacing "a line of the same colour as the symbol" with "a line of the same colour as the figure in the bottom corner" in 5.2.2.2.1.1.

5.2.2.2.1.6 (b)

3. According to 5.2.2.2.1.6 (b) of the Model Regulations a label may have white symbols, text and numbers only if the background of a label is entirely green, red or blue.

For reference, the existing text of 5.2.2.2.1.6 reads as follows:

"5.2.2.2.1.6 The symbols, text and numbers shall be shown in black on all labels except for:

- (a) the Class 8 label, where the text (if any) and class number shall appear in white;
- (b) labels with entirely green, red or blue backgrounds where they may be shown in white; and
- (c) the Division 2.1 label displayed on cylinders and gas cartridges for liquefied petroleum gases, where they may be shown in the background colour of the receptacle if adequate contrast is provided."

However, for the label model No. 5.2 with white symbol: the label does not have an entirely red background (see 5.2.2.2.2).

Discussion

4. The Sub-committee may wish to consider inserting the following new sub-paragraph (c) to 5.2.2.2.1.6:

"(c) the Division 5.2 label, where the symbol may be shown in white; and".

Consequential amendments:

- 5.2.2.2.1.6 (b) Delete "and".
 - 5.2.2.2.1.6 (c) Renumber as (d).
 - 5.2.2.2.2 Under the labels for Division 2.1, replace "5.2.2.2.1.6 (c)" with "5.2.2.2.1.6 (d)".
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