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IAEA Meeting to Review Document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19
“Harmonization with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material”

Summary report transmitted by the IAEA

Introduction and Background

At the 27th session of the Sub-Committee of Experts Transport of Dangerous Goods, held in Geneva in July 2005, the expert from United Kingdom submitted the Working Paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19. According to this document some of the IAEA provisions could be better integrated in accordance with the logic of the Model Regulations format, e.g. by using packing instructions, transferring some provisions in specific chapters and eliminating duplications.

At the 28th Session of the UN SCETDG, the expert from UK and the delegate from IAEA submitted a proposal for this work.

- i. To update, if necessary, document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 in order to reflect the 14th revised edition of the UN Model Regulations;
- ii. To request comments from UN SCETDG and TRANSSEC on the updated ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19;
- iii. To hold the CSM in February 2006;

From February 13 to 17-2006, the IAEA held a Consultant Services Meeting to review the UK proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 and related documents.

Objective of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to review the UK proposals contained in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 and related documents in order to:

- To make sure that UK proposals are consistent and aligned with IAEA Regulations and UN Model Regulations;

- To evaluate if there are any other areas where there is a need for better harmonization between IAEA/UN Regulations.
- Subject to time availability, consultants are requested to provide, as a result from this meeting, recommendations to TRANSSC on improvements in TS-R-1.

Product of the Meeting

The product of the meeting is a revised document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 and recommendations for changes in UN Model Regulations as well as changes in TS-R-1 to be submitted to the IAEA Transport Safety Standards Committee/TRANSSC. The documents are as follow:

- Attachment 1 (Working Paper 03, Rev 14) is the revised UK proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19;
- Attachment 2 (Working Paper 04, Rev. 14) is the revised version of table of correspondence: 14th version of the UN Model Regulations and 2005 edition of the IAEA Transport Regulations.
- Attachment 3 (Working Paper 08, Rev 14) lists proposed changes to the IAEA Transport Regulations in order to achieve the expected harmonization with UN Regulations
- Attachment 4 (Working Paper 06, Rev. 1) changes in the IAEA paragraphs to be submitted to TRANSSC

It was agreed that the product of the meeting would be submitted by the expert from UK (see Working Paper ST-SG-AC10-C3-2006-53).

TRANSSC – The IAEA’s Transport Safety Standards Committee - was requested to review and provide comments and to endorse the proposed changes to the IAEA Transport Regulations. During its 12th meeting TRANSSC briefly discussed the meeting report. TRANSSC felt that more time would be required to study the report of the CM before implementing the recommendations of the CM.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The document ST-SG-AC10-C3-2006-53 submitted by expert from UK contains the product of the meeting. Consultants believe that the proposed changes positively contribute to the harmonization of UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous and IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material. The Secretariat also believes the proposed changes (both quantitatively and qualitatively) are relevant enough to start a review process.

Consultants recommend to TRANSSC and the UN Sub-Committee to discuss and provide guidance on relevant issues in the Working Paper ST-SG-AC10-C3-2006-53.

Finally, the delegate from IAEA wishes to express the appreciation for the work done by consultants and to thank Mr. Sergio Benassai for chairing the meeting.
