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

Amendment to Special Provision 289 Air Bag and Seat Belt Pretensioners

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

1. The expert from the United Kingdom has noted an anomaly in Special Provision 289 with regard to seat belt pretensioners. Special Provision 289 is currently assigned to UN numbers 0503 (Class 1) and 3268 (Class 9), the Proper Shipping Name of both entries being AIR BAG INFLATORS or AIR BAG MODULES or SEAT-BELT PRETENSIONERS. As the text of SP 289 now stands, air bags and seat belts, when fitted in completed vehicle components, are not subject to the provisions of the UN Model Regulations. Whilst the term 'air bags' would cover both inflators and modules, the reference to 'seat belts' should, in the view of the expert from the United Kingdom, be specifically to 'seat belt pretensioners'.

Proposal

3. Amend SP 289 as follows:

“SP 289 Air bags or seat-belt pretensioners installed in conveyances or in completed conveyance components such as steering columns, door panels, seats etc. are not subject to these Regulations.”
