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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Other proposals

Packing Instruction P650

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Background

1. Packing Instruction P650 has provision in paragraph (13) for small quantities of dangerous goods, quantities of 30 mL or less, in Classes 3, 8 or 9 when necessary to maintain the viability or prevent the degradation of the specimens.
2. The wording of paragraph (13) also includes the words "...or neutralizing the hazards" of the infectious substances.
3. It is suggested that if the hazard of the infectious substance has been neutralized by the addition of a small quantity of other dangerous goods, then in accordance with 2.6.3.2.3.3, the substance would no longer be subject to the Regulations unless it now meets the criteria for inclusion in another class.

Proposal

4. Revise paragraph (13) of P650 as follows:

(13) Other dangerous goods shall not be packed in the same packaging as Division 6.2 infectious substances unless they are necessary for maintaining the viability, stabilizing or preventing degradation ~~or neutralizing the hazards~~ of the infectious substances. A quantity of 30 mL or less of dangerous goods included in Classes 3, 8 or 9 may be packed in each primary receptacle containing infectious substances. When these small quantities of dangerous goods are packed with infectious substances in accordance with this packing instruction, no other requirements in these Regulations need be met.
