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

#### Proposed revision of Chapter 2.9

Transmitted by the Expert from the United Kingdom

#### **Introduction**

1. In the process of revising the Chapter 2.9 Class 9 text in the IMDG Code it was observed by the expert from the United Kingdom that this chapter is presented in a more user-friendly way in RID/ADR/ADN than either the Model Regulations or the Code. As a repository for substances and articles that do not fit readily into the other eight Classes of dangerous goods, further user guidance would seem appropriate. This paper proposes an updated and more complete section describing the assignment of substances and articles to Class 9.
2. The text for the next edition of the IMDG Code will be finalized at the International Maritime Organization's DSC 12 and the Editorial and Technical Group in September 2007 and it is the intention of the United Kingdom to submit a similar proposal for that session in order to maximize modal harmonization.

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#### “CHAPTER 2.9

#### CLASS 9 - MISCELLANEOUS DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, ARTICLES AND ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT)

##### 2.9.1 Definitions

2.9.1.1 Class 9 substances and articles (miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles) are substances and articles which, during transport present a danger not covered by other classes.

2.9.1.2 Genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMOs) and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are micro-organisms and organisms in which genetic material has been purposely altered through genetic engineering in a way that does not occur naturally.

**2.9.2 Assignment to Class 9**

The substances and articles of Class 9 are subdivided as follows:

***Substances which, on inhalation as fine dust, may endanger health***

- 2212 BLUE ASBESTOS (crocidolite) or
- 2212 BROWN ASBESTOS (amosite, mysorite)
- 2590 WHITE ASBESTOS (chrysotile, actinolite, anthophyllite, tremolite)

***Substances evolving flammable vapour***

- 2211 POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE, evolving flammable vapour
- 3314 PLASTICS MOULDING COMPOUND in dough, sheet or extruded rope form evolving flammable vapour

***Lithium and lithium ion batteries***

- 3090 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES (including lithium alloy batteries)
- 3091 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT or 3091 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT
- 3480 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES (including lithium ion polymer batteries)
- 3481 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT or LITHIUM ION BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT (including lithium ion polymer batteries)

***Live-saving appliances***

- 2990 LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, SELF-INFLATING
- 3072 LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES NOT SELF-INFLATING containing dangerous goods as equipment
- 3268 AIR BAG INFLATORS or 3268 AIR BAG MODULES or 3268 SEAT-BELT PRETENSIONERS

***Other substances or articles presenting a danger during transport, but not meeting the definitions of another class***

- 1841 ACETALDEHYDE AMMONIA
- 1845 CARBON DIOXIDE, SOLID (DRY ICE)
- 1931 ZINC DITHIONITE (ZINC HYDROSULPHITE)
- 1941 DIBROMODIFLUOROMETHANE
- 1990 BENZALDEHYDE
- 2071 AMMONIUM NITRATE BASED FERTILISER
- 2216 FISHMEAL (FISH MEAL SCRAP), STABILIZED
- 2807 MAGNETIZED MATERIAL
- 2969 CASTOR BEANS, or CASTOR MEAL, or CASTOR POMACE, or
- 2969 CASTOR FLAKE
- 3166 ENGINE, INTERNAL COMBUSTION or VEHICLE FLAMMABLE GAS POWERED or VEHICLE, FLAMMABLE LIQUID POWERED
- 3171 BATTERY-POWERED VEHICLE or BATTERY-POWERED EQUIPMENT

- 3316 CHEMICAL KIT, or
- 3316 FIRST AID KIT
- 3334 AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S.
- 3335 AVIATION REGULATED SOLID, N.O.S.
- 3359 FUMIGATED UNIT
- 3363 DANGEROUS GOODS IN MACHINERY or DANGEROUS GOODS IN APPARATUS

***Substances and apparatus which, in the event of fire, may form dioxins***

This group of substances and articles includes:

- 2315 POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, LIQUID
- 3432 POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, SOLID
- 3151 POLYHALOGENATED BIPHENYLS, LIQUID or POLYHALOGENATED TERPHENYLS, LIQUID
- 3152 POLYHALOGENATED BIPHENYLS, SOLID or POLYHALOGENATED TERPHENYLS, SOLID

***Elevated temperature substances***

(a) *Liquid*

- 3257 ELEVATED TEMPERATURE LIQUID, N.O.S., at or above 100 °C and below its flash-point (including molten metal, molten salts, etc.)

(b) *Solid*

- 3258 ELEVATED TEMPERATURE SOLID, N.O.S., at or above 240 °C

***Environmentally hazardous substances (aquatic environment)***

(a) *Liquid*

- 3077 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S

(b) *Solid*

- 3082 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.

***GMMOs and GMOs***

- 3245 GENETICALLY MODIFIED MICRO-ORGANISMS or GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

GMMOs and GMOs which do not meet the definition of infectious substances (see [2.6.3](#)) but which are capable of altering animals, plants or microbiological substances in a way not normally the result of natural reproduction. They shall be assigned to UN 3245. GMMOs or GMOs are not subject to these Regulations when authorized for use by the competent authorities of the countries of origin, transit and destination.

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