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The working group discussed marking and documentation.

Marking

It was agreed that it should be possible by end 2008 to agree a mark based on the diamond mark in UN/SCETDG/31/INF.48 for Limited Quantities and Consumer Commodities.

Air mode has the consumer commodities concept that needs to be specifically recognised. These are identified by ID8000. Thus, the new diamond marking could include the ID8000 for the air mode transport.

What is called Limited Quantities in air mode can normally be accepted in all the other modes. However, there is a risk of confusion when these air Limited Quantities are shipped by other modes because the air mode requires full labelling. To alleviate this confusion, the air mode would apply the new Limited Quantities mark in addition to the other labels. (Instead of the current LTD QTY marking.)

Some text for the July session is to be drafted by France. It will be circulated for comment before a formal paper will be submitted.

There was general agreement that the diamond did not need to be coloured.

It was noted that DSC had accepted that the CTU may be marked with the new diamond (250mm sides) to indicate Limited Quantities.

Documentation

It was clear that the air and sea modes would not relax their requirements for documentation so it was agreed that it be specifically stated in the Model Regulations that, "except for air and sea transport, a document is not required." This could be inserted in Part 5, with complementary text in 3.4.

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