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The Working Group considered documents INF.39 and INF. 46 with the goal of defining actions appropriate for the SCOE TDG to facilitate the use of electronic transfer of dangerous goods information to enhance safety, security and multi-modal efficiency. The group discussed efforts currently in progress to address the use of electronic documentation for dangerous goods shipments. Based on the group's discussion, the follow working items were identified:

1. Identify and assess current documentation requirements in the UN Model Regulations; taking into account elements of information that are core for all modes of transport, information necessary for a specific mode, and information that may be of value to some users of the regulations.
2. Consider amendments to the UN Model Regulations that will facilitate the use of electronic information within the transportation system to improve the speed and accuracy of dangerous goods information transfer, enhance transportation efficiencies, reduce system congestion, and ensure information is effectively provided to all parties that may require such information (i.e., emergency responders, medical personnel, operators, transport workers, and consignors.
3. Assess the ability of the electronic transfer of information to enhance safety and security of dangerous goods transport; in particular through communication of critical information to emergency responders and authorities.
4. Identify the ability for electronic documentation to reduce impediments to multi-modal transportation.
5. Share progress from various efforts related to this issue (i.e., the Joint Meeting Telematics Project, VOHMA's project, USA projects, ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel, IATA's E-Freight, ect.) with the goal of coordinating efforts with other Sub-Committee members.
