

## COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

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### EXPLOSIVES AND RELATED MATTERS

#### Amendment to the Proper Shipping Name of UN 0508 and Addition of a new Special Provision

Transmitted by the expert from Germany

#### **Background**

1. At its 33<sup>st</sup> session, the Sub-Committee considered a proposal from the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) to amend the Proper Shipping Name of UN 3474 to read as "1-HYDROXYBENZOTRIAZOLE MONOHYDRATE". As shown in the proposal from the ICCA the reasoning for this decision was the fact, that in the presence of a rapid conversion of HOBT to the monohydrate occurs.
2. At the other hand the Proper Shipping name of UN 0508 was left unchanged and reads "1-HYDROXYBENZOTRIAZOLE, ANHYDROUS, dry or wetted with less than 20 % water, by mass".
3. The expert from Germany is of the opinion that it is necessary to align the Proper Shipping Names of the entries UN 0508 and UN 3474 to avoid misunderstandings in classification concerning of the content of water.

#### **Proposal**

4. The expert from Germany proposes to amend the Proper Shipping Name of UN 0508 to read as follows: "1-HYDROXYBENZOTRIAZOLE".
5. Add an new Special Provision to the entry UN 0508:  
  
"XXX 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole, which is completely converted to the monohydrate (i.e. homogeneous substance containing not less than 11,7% water, by mass) shall be transported under the UN 3474."

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