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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Thirty-eighth session**

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**Miscellaneous proposals of amendments to the Model Regulations  
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Technical (pathogen) name requirements for Category A  
infectious substances****Transmitted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA)<sup>1</sup>****Introduction**

1. Before the changes to the classification of infectious substances into Category A, UN nos. 2814 and 2900, and Category B, UN No. 3373, UN Nos. 2814 and 2900 had special provision 274 assigned to them to identify that the proper shipping name shall be supplemented with the technical name for the purposes of documentation and package marking.
2. With the changes to infectious substances, special provision 274 was removed from the two UN numbers and a new special provision 318 was assigned which only required that the technical name be added to the proper shipping name on the dangerous goods transport document and that the technical name was not required on the package marking.
3. While special provision 318 has been in place now for a number of years there is still some confusion on the application of the technical name as the standard requirement is by virtue of special provision 274.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2009-2010 approved by the Committee at its fourth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/68, para. 118 (a) and ST/SG/AC.10/36, para. 14).

4. It is suggested that special provision 274 should be applied as the default position for the requirement for the proper shipping name to be supplemented with the technical for the purposes of documentation, and that for Category A infectious substances special provision 318 should then except the technical name from having to be part of the package marking.

## Proposal

5. In the dangerous goods list of chapter 3.2, UN Nos. 2814 and 2900, add “274” in column (6).

6. Revise Special Provision 318 as follows:

318 ~~For the purposes of documentation, the proper shipping name shall be supplemented with the technical name (see 3.1.2.8). Notwithstanding the requirements of special provision 274,~~ technical names need not be shown on the package. When the infectious substances to be transported are unknown, but suspected of meeting the criteria for inclusion in category A and assignment to UN 2814 or UN 2900, the words “suspected category A infectious substance” shall be shown, in parentheses, following the proper shipping name on the transport document, but not on the outer packagings.

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