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Listing, classification and packing

Special provision 272

Transmitted by the Expert from Germany

1 SP 272 states that “This substance shall not be transported under the provisions of class 4.1 unless specially authorized by the competent authority (see UN 0143).” SP 272 is assigned to:

- UN 3319 NITROGLYCERIN MIXTURE, DESENZITIZED, SOLID, N.O.S with more than 2% but not more than 10 % nitroglycerin, by mass; and
- UN 3344 PENTAERYTHRITOL TETRANITRATE (PENTAERYTHRITOL TETRANITRATE; PETN) MIXTURE, DESENZITIZED, SOLID, N.O.S. with more than 10% but not more than 20 % PETN, by mass.

2 The reference to UN 0143 does not apply to UN 3344. The corresponding entry for UN 3344 would be UN 0150.

Thus, there are two options for a possible correction of SP 272:

- Either a reference to UN 0150 should be included, or
- The reference to UN 0143 should be deleted.

3 The first option seems preferable to avoid further amendments. Germany is willing to prepare a formal proposal for the next meeting, taking into consideration the preference of the Experts of the Sub-Committee.