



**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Fortieth session**

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Listing, classification and packing: miscellaneous**Dried blood spots and faecal occult blood screening tests****Transmitted by the World Health Organization¹****Background**

1. Substantial revisions to the classification of Class 6 Division 6.2 Infectious substances were made between the thirteenth (2003) and the fourteenth (2005) revised editions of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, leading to the creation of a list of exemptions that include dried blood spots (2.6.3.2.3.5), faecal occult blood screening tests, and blood and organs for transfusion or transplantation.
2. While we agree to keep all these items under 2.6.3.2.3 Exemptions, different reasons have led to their being exempted, including e.g. considerations of potential infectious dose, routes of infection, likelihood of exposure, or pre-screening methods, suggesting that they should be listed as separate items.
3. In order to improve clarity and reduce ambiguity, WHO proposes the following modifications.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2011-2012 approved by the Committee at its fifth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/76, para. 116 and ST/SG/AC.10/38, para. 16).

Proposal

4. 2.6.3.2.3.5 Amend to read as follows:
2.6.3.2.3.5 Dried blood spots, collected by applying a drop of blood onto absorbent material, are not subject to these Regulations unless they meet the criteria for inclusion in another class.
2.6.3.2.3.6 Faecal occult blood screening samples are not subject to these Regulations unless they meet the criteria for inclusion in another class.
2.6.3.2.3.7 Blood or blood components which have been collected for the purposes of transfusion or for the preparation of blood products to be used for transfusion or transplantation and any tissues or organs intended for use in transplantation are not subject to these Regulations unless they meet the criteria for inclusion in another class.
 5. Renumber current 2.6.3.2.3.6 - 2.6.3.2.3.7 accordingly
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