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**Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations  
with the Model Regulations**

## **Marking of the UN number on packagings: comment on INF.27**

**Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom**

### **Introduction**

1. The Secretariat reports in INF.27 that concerns have been raised about the clarity of meaning of the recently adopted second sentence of 5.2.1.1. Similar concerns have been raised with the expert of the United Kingdom who concurs with the analysis provided by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat proposes that the Sub-Committee clarifies the interpretation of this provision. In the view of the expert of the United Kingdom all that was intended was a simple way of identifying the appropriate size of lettering to be added to a package i.e to the complete product of the packing operation, consisting of the packaging and its contents prepared for transport.

### **Proposal**

3. In that case the expert of the UK proposes a simple modification to the existing second sentence of 5.2.1.1, which also simplifies the language used, as follows:

“The UN number and the letters “UN” shall be at least 12 mm high. This minimum height may be reduced to not less than 6 mm for packages with an external volume of 30 litres or less and for cylinders of 60 litres water capacity or less, and, if necessary, to an appropriate size for packages with an external volume of 5 litres or less.”

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