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Note by the secretariat

Introduction

The secretariat reproduces hereafter paragraphs 12-14 of the report of the last session of WP.15 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/217).

“B. Scope of 5.5.3

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2012/16 (Switzerland)

Informal document: INF.17 (GEA)

12. The Working Party considered that section 5.5.3 applied only when there was a demonstrable confirmed risk of asphyxiation in the transport unit and that it was for the parties concerned (in particular the consignor) to assess this risk, taking into consideration the hazards presented by the substances used for refrigeration or conditioning, and also the quantities concerned and types of containment used (in bulk or in packages).

13. The Working Party supported the intention of the representative of Switzerland to submit a proposal of amendment to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to review the applicable texts accordingly.

14. Several delegations also emphasized the need to specify who should bear responsibility for assessing the risk of asphyxiation."
