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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-fifth session**

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Explosives and related matters: miscellaneous**Proposal to clarify what is meant by; “as presented for
transport” in SP280****Transmitted by the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous
Articles (COSTHA)¹****Introduction**

1. UN3268 has the special provision of SP280 which states;
“This entry applies to safety devices for vehicles, vessels or aircraft, e.g. air bag inflators, air bag modules, seat-belt pretensioners, and pyromechanical devices, which contain dangerous goods of Class 1 or of other classes, when transported as component parts and if these articles as presented for transport have been tested in accordance with Test Series 6(c) of Part 1 of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, with no explosion of the device, no fragmentation of device casing or pressure receptacle, and no projection hazard nor thermal effect which would significantly hinder fire-fighting or emergency response efforts in the immediate vicinity.”
2. Test Laboratories are interpreting the language “as presented for transport” to mean that a test result is considered valid only for exactly that combination of product and package which was presented for the test. As a result package details such as size, UN certification string, and density of products inside the package are recorded. In consequence any change of these parameters is subject to re-examination by the test lab not excluding a repeat test.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

Proposal

3. COSTHA proposes that the language be clarified to explain the intent of the provision.
 4. COSTHA would ask that this issue be assigned to the Working Group on Explosives to identify specific wording which can then be voted on by the Plenary.
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