

## Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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## Outcome of TRANSSC 26

### Transmitted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

To contribute to the efforts for harmonisation of the transport regulations, TRANSSC reviewed all papers of relevance that had been approved for the first session of the new biennium. Although no specific comments were made on any of the papers reviewed, there were discussions among TRANSSC members specifically on papers ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/4 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/20, which is a follow-on to the paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/77 presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee.

With regards to the paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/20, TRANSSC noted that activity limits for excepted packages with instruments or articles are similar to those for Type A packages, that there are no performance test criteria for instruments or articles, and that members were not aware of significant issues with the transport of instruments or articles under Class 7.

TRANSSC 26 convened a working group (WG) with the specific task of examining harmonization issues related to the transport of radioactive material. The WG considered issues including subsidiary risks, excepted packages, UN Packing Requirements, and Uranium Hexafluoride (UF<sub>6</sub>).

The WG recommended that a guidance document considering the information contained in Special Provisions 172 and 290 of the UN model regulations be prepared for consideration by the Agency.

TRANSSC also received a summary of comments received for the current review cycle for the IAEA transport regulations, *Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material*, Specific Safety Requirements No. SSR-6 (SSR-6), 2012 Edition, and its supporting guidance document TS-G-1.1, *Advisory Material for the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material*. Almost 70 comments and recommendations were provided to the Agency by 11 Member States and 2 International Organizations.

A decision on whether to enter a revision cycle for SSR-6 and TS-G-1.1 will be made at TRANSSC 27.

Finally, it was noted that SSR-6 is now available in all the official UN languages.