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**Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods  
regulations with the Model Regulations****Sequence of the information in the transport document****Submitted by the expert from Germany<sup>1</sup>****Introduction**

1. In the past, the question arose within the framework of checks of how the provision in 5.4.1.5 of the Model Regulations is to be understood with regard to the location and sequence of the additional information in the transport document. It was noted that a sequence in which the particulars “Number of packages” and “Mass” precede the information about the dangerous goods does not comply with the provision. The wording of paragraph 5.4.1.5 of the Model Regulations has been integrated into the IMDG Code without changes. The wording in ADR/RID, however, differs from that wording and leaves it up to the parties involved to decide where to enter the additional information.

2. The sequence of the information about the dangerous goods specified in 5.4.1.4.2 of the Model Regulations is safety-critical and should remain unchanged also in the future. However, it should be possible to freely decide whether to enter further information at the beginning or the end.

3. From the point of view of the German expert, no safety-critical problem arises as long as the sequence in accordance with 5.4.1.4.2 of the UN Model Regulations is adhered to.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

4. It is suggested to amend the relevant parts of the text of the Model Regulations to harmonize the requirements for all modes of transport in the future.

## **Proposal**

5. Amend the text of 5.4.1.5, which currently reads:

“In addition to the dangerous goods description the following information shall be included after the dangerous goods description on the dangerous goods transport document.”

to read as follows:

“In addition to the dangerous goods description the following information shall be included on the dangerous goods transport document. The location and order in which the elements of the additional information appear on the dangerous goods transport document is left optional.”

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