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**Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on its forty-third,
forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions and pending issues: explosives and related matters****Special provision PP48****Transmitted by the expert from France¹**

1. During its last session the Sub-Committee adopted some changes to PP48 in packing instructions P112(c), P114(b) and P406 clarifying what could be considered as a non metallic packaging.
2. The expert from France explained that the adopted text could be improved by referring to metal parts allowed in non metallic packagings as mentioned in 6.1.4.
3. The Sub-Committee invited the expert from France to present a written proposal (see paragraph 23 in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90).

Proposal

4. Modify packing provision 48 as follows in the different packing instructions where it appears (new text underlined)
 - (a) Packing provision 48 in packing instruction P114(b):
PP 48: For UN Nos. 0508 and 0509, metal packagings shall not be used.
Packagings incorporating a small amount of metal, but which are primarily comprised of non-metallic materials, are not considered metal packagings.

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).

This includes references in the requirements for packaging in 6.1.4 to non-metal packagings with metal fittings, for example metal closures.

- (b) Packing provision 48 in packing instruction P112(c):

PP 48: For UN No. 0504, metal packagings shall not be used. Packagings incorporating a small amount of metal, but which are primarily comprised of non-metallic materials, are not considered metal packagings. This includes references in the requirements for packaging in 6.1.4 to non-metal packagings with metal fittings, for example metal closures.

- (c) Packing provision 48 in packing instruction P406:

PP 48: For UN No. 3474, metal packagings shall not be used. Packagings incorporating a small amount of metal, but which are primarily comprised of non-metallic materials, are not considered metal packagings. This includes references in the requirements for packaging in 6.1.4 to non-metal packagings with metal fittings, for example metal closures.
