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**Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on
its forty-seventh, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions
and pending issues: listing, classification and packing**

Packaging instruction P620 for Category A infectious substances

Submitted by the expert from Norway

Reference documents: UN/SCETDG/47/INF.20, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/94

Background

1. At the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Committee, Norway submitted informal document INF.20, which invited comments on how to fulfil the requirements described in packing instruction P620 for Category A infectious substances.
2. The response from the Sub-Committee was that these should be considered as capability requirements, and that the requirements relating to temperature differences and pressure differentials should be considered separately. The proposal to amend the text in P620 to clarify this was maintained in the proposals for the forty-eighth and the forty-ninth sessions, but has not been reproduced in neither the proposal from Germany nor the one from the United Kingdom/Canada for the fiftieth session.

Proposal

3. Amend the text of P620 to read as follows (new text underlined, old text ~~stricken through~~):

“3. Whatever the intended temperature of the consignment, the primary receptacle or the secondary packaging shall be capable of withstanding without leakage an internal pressure producing a pressure differential of not less than 95 kPa ~~and~~ This primary receptacle or secondary packaging shall also be capable of withstanding temperatures in the range -40 °C to +55 °C.”
