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Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: packagings

Permitted period of use for composite IBCs with plastic inner receptacle - consequential amendments resulting from ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/24 in packing instruction IBC02

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Introduction

1. Within the framework of the 55th session, the proposal in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/24 that the 5-year period of use of composite IBCs be understood to refer to the date of manufacture of the inner receptacle was adopted.
2. For UN 2031, special packing provision B15 in Packing Instruction IBC02 specifies, by derogation from the 5-year period of use, a period of use of two years, with this period of use referring to the composite IBC and not only to the inner receptacle of the composite IBCs:

“**B15** For UN 2031 with more than 55 % nitric acid, the permitted use of rigid plastics IBCs and of composite IBCs with a rigid plastics inner receptacle shall be two years from their date of manufacture.”

Proposal

3. To make clear that the period of use of two years refers to the inner receptacle, the following wording is proposed (deleted text is ~~struck through~~; new text is underlined):

“**B15** For UN 2031 with more than 55 % nitric acid, the permitted use of rigid plastics IBCs and of rigid plastics inner receptacles of composite IBCs shall be two years from their date of manufacture.”
