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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Programme of work for the 2001/2002 biennium and related proposals

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BACKGROUND

1. The definitions, the notes and the requirements in Chapter 2.6 of the Model Regulations regarding infectious substances, diagnostic specimens, and related Division 6.2 substances have been developed or amended over the years by adding, deleting or modifying the existing text of that Chapter on a piecemeal basis. The same is true of Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as they pertain to infectious substances.
2. As a result, any difficulties with interpretation and implementation have also been dealt with on a piecemeal basis.
3. The reformatting of the Recommendations into the Model Regulations has been an effective step in providing clarity in the presentation of the text. The content of the Model Regulations regarding Division 6.2 (infectious substances, etc.) could benefit from a review.

4. Regulations should not be static but should be constantly reviewed for content and policy regardless of when changes last occurred. This is especially true of the Model Regulations on which the national regulations of many countries are based and which influence greatly the content of international modal regulations.

PROPOSAL

5. With regard to Division 6.2 (infectious substances), the work programme for the next biennium regarding infectious substances should include:
 - a) a review of the requirements in the Model Regulations for infectious substances contained in section 2.6.3 of Chapter 2.6 and in Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; and
 - b) proposals for clarifications and changes.
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