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MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Requirement to include units of measure after quantity on the transport document

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

1. The expert from the United States of America is proposing minor amendments to paragraph 5.4.1.5.1 *Total quantity of dangerous goods* to clarify that the units of measure should follow the quantity of dangerous goods indicated on a transport document. The current wording does not provide a clear indication that the units of measure are required. It is also proposed to specify that the quantity should be expressed as the net mass, net volume or gross mass, as appropriate.

Proposal

2. It is proposed to amend paragraph 5.4.1.5.1 as follows (bold and italic indicate new text, strikeout for deleted text):

Except for empty uncleaned packagings, the total *net mass, net volume or gross mass, as appropriate, followed by the applicable unit(s) of measure*—quantity of dangerous goods covered by the description—(by volume or mass as appropriate) of each item of dangerous goods bearing a different proper shipping name, UN number or packing group shall be included. For Class 1 dangerous goods, the quantity shall be the net explosive mass. For dangerous goods transported in salvage packagings, an estimate of the *net mass, net volume or gross mass (as appropriate)* quantity of dangerous goods shall be *indicated given*. The number and kind (e.g. drum, box, etc) of packagings shall also be indicated. Abbreviations may be used to specify the unit of measurement for the total quantity.