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PACKAGINGS

Miscellaneous proposals (Chapters 4.1, 6.1, 6.5, and 6.6)

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

- 1. The expert from the United Kingdom has noticed a problem with the wording of Packing Instruction P 407. This packing instruction is used solely for UN 1331, UN 1944, UN 1945 and UN 2254. All of these entries refer to different types of matches.
- 2. The second sentence in the main block of text states that "The maximum net mass of the outer packagings shall not exceed 45 kg "...

This does not appear to be correct since the net mass of the outer packaging would, by definition, exclude any inner packaging and contents. In the IMDG Code (Amendment 29) and 49 CFR 173.186 reference is made to the gross mass of the outer packagings, which the expert from the United Kingdom believes is the correct interpretation. It is thus proposed that the Model Regulations reflect that interpretation.

Proposal

3. Amend the beginning of the second sentence of the text specifying the packaging type to read:"The maximum gross mass of the package shall not exceed..."

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