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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Twenty-second session, 2-6 December 2002)

INFORMAL MEETING, 5 December 2002

Dangerous Goods in Limited Quantities

(Invitation submitted by AEGPL, AISE, CEPE, FEA, FIATA, ICCA/Cefic, IECC, IRU)

The discussions in the meeting of the July 2002 Sub Committee concerning dangerous goods in limited quantities and consumer commodities raised concerns from a number of experts about this method of transporting dangerous goods. (Refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/32; ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/42, para. 121-127 and informal documents INF.51 and INF.62 submitted at the last session)

Provisions concerning the transport of dangerous goods in limited quantities have existed in most of the modal regulations since their inception and significant changes to the regulations concerning these goods could have a major impact not only on the manufacturers and carriers of these goods but also on the public. The associations recognise that the current provisions are in need of some revision and updating, to reflect the general changes in distribution that have taken place over recent years.

Recognising this and noting that on **Thursday 5 December** there will be no meeting of the Sub-Committee, the above associations, after consultation of the secretariat and of the chairman of the Sub-Committee, would like to invite delegates to an informal meeting on that day, from **9h30 to 12h45**, at the **Palais des Nations**.

The objective is to present practical examples of important aspects of this method of distribution by industry and get the point of view of regulators, in order to set the scene for a discussion of possible changes to the Model Regulations during the next biennium. Mr Benassai (Italy – Chairman of the Sub-Committee) has kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

The following agenda is proposed

| 9h30 | Chairman's introduction | S. Benassai |
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| 9h40 | LQ Provisions in practice in industry - Cosmetics, household products, aerosols - Paints - Express carriers | V. Krampe N. Noisette A. McCulloch |
| 10h30 | Regulator's perspective - France - US | C. Pfauvadel R. Richard |
| 11h10 | Possible changes to UN Regulations | Open discussion |

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S. Benassai

12h45 Close

The meeting will be held in English only, without interpretation, in salle XII (plenary session room).

Because of practical arrangements, delegates wanting to attend should advise as soon as possible their attendance at the meeting and participation in the lunch (being arranged outside, but close to, the Palais des Nations immediately after the meeting) to: Mr Filip Jonckheere (ICCA/Cefic – email address: fjo@cefic.be).

Since 5 December is official holiday for the United Nations, the Palais des Nations will be closed, and access will be possible only through the Pregny gate for delegates which are already in possession of a valid badge for the Sub-Committee session. This badge must be collected before 5 December, since the Security Identification Office at the Villa les Feuillantines will also be closed on that day.

All delegates will be requested to arrive at the same time (at about 9H10) at the Pregny gate because all doors of the Palais will be closed and their opening requires a magnetic card and the presence of a member of the secretariat.

Further practical details will be provided during the Sub-Committee's session.