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Transport of Dangerous Goods**
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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003-2004

Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/69 (United Kingdom)
Publication of guiding principles of the UN Model Regulations

Transmitted by the European Council of Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry (CEPE)

Background

CEPE have noted with interest the INF.49 paper presented by the United Kingdom at the December 2000 meeting of the Committee and the ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/69 to be discussed at the December 2002 meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The regulations governing the transport of dangerous goods by the various modes have moved over several years progressively towards harmonization, much to the benefit of the users of multi-modal transport. This has been achieved by the adoption of a consistent approach across and within the various Parts of the Model Regulations and thence adopted by the modal authorities. For example, this has been important in the development of Packing Instructions – what is included within them and what is better referenced in other Parts of the Model Regulations for consistency and ease of use. It has also resolved what are matters best for the modes to decide because they do not impinge on the operations in other modes. Inevitably there has to be an element of judgment when the assessment of risk is involved, but it is important that a record is maintained of the background to such decisions and that there is consistency in the process, year on year. Only the Secretariat can be the keeper of such information.

CEPE supports the expert from the United Kingdom in requesting that this matter be included in the programme of work for the biennium 2003-2004.
