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AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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NEW PROPOSALS

(a) outstanding issues and (b) New issues, (i) Proposals submitted to previous sessions not yet discussed

Transport of Infectious Substances

Transmitted by the World Health Organization

Background

1. During the 21st session of the Sub-Committee in July 2002, Proposal Number 4 in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/16 concerning special provision 274 was not discussed. Related to the point raised matter, UN/SCETDG/21/INF.40 from ABSA was discussed. General agreement could be reached regarding the proposal concerning the removal of the technical name from the outside of the package and the accompanying external transport documents of PI620 shipments. However, no consensus could be reached regarding the proposal to provide a "24h contact number".
2. On these issues, the World Health Organization consulted its WHO Biosafety Advisory Group on 24-25 October 2002.
3. Consequently, the World Health Organization proposes to:
 - (a) remove the requirement to provide the technical name on the outer surface of packages prepared according to packing instruction P620 for substances assigned to UN 2814 and UN 2900,
 - (b) keep the requirement to provide the technical name on external transport documents of packages prepared according to packing instruction P620 for substances assigned to UN 2814 and UN 2900
 - (c) require that technical names be provided together with the itemized list of contents enclosed between the secondary packaging and the outer packaging for UN 2814 and UN 2900.
 - (d) When the pathogens to be transported are unknown, but suspected of meeting the criteria for inclusion in category A and assignment to UN 2814 or UN 2900, the words "suspected category A pathogen" must be shown, in parentheses, following the proper shipping name on the external transport documents and on the document inside the outer packaging, but not on the outer packaging.

Proposal

3.3.1 SP 274 Add text to read:

For the purposes of documentation and package marking, the proper shipping name shall be supplemented with the technical name (see 3.1.2.8). For UN 2814 and UN 2900, technical names should never appear on outer packages. When the pathogens to be transported are unknown, but suspected of meeting the criteria for inclusion in category A and assignment to UN 2814 or UN 2900, the words "suspected category A pathogen" must be shown, in parentheses, following the proper shipping name on the external transport documents, but not on the outer packaging.

4.1.8.3 Add text to read:

For UN 2814 and UN 2900, technical names together with an itemized list of contents shall be enclosed between the secondary packaging and the outer packaging. When the pathogens to be transported are unknown, but suspected of meeting the criteria for inclusion in category A and assignment to UN 2814 or UN 2900, the words "suspected category A pathogen" must be shown, in parentheses, following the proper shipping name on the document inside the outer packaging.
