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

Special Provision 216

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

1. The expert from the United States of America recently became aware of the need to make a minor amendment to special provision 216. SP 216 currently includes an exception for towelettes and wipes with absorbed flammable liquid (e.g. alcohol) used for cleaning or disinfection. It is believed that this exception should apply to other commodities such as marker pens and other articles that are not contained in sealed packets but that are transported in equally leakproof containers. The exception in SP 216 should apply to other inner packagings and articles that are not "sealed packets" on the basis that they will afford an equivalent or higher safety standard and should not be precluded from the exception.

Proposal

2. The words in the last sentence of SP 216 should be changed to read:

"Sealed inner packagings or articles containing less than 10 ml of a packing group II or III flammable liquid absorbed into a solid material are not subject to these Regulations provided there is no free liquid in the inner packaging or article."