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AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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OUTSTANDING ISSUES OR PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Miscellaneous proposals

Confetti

Transmitted by the expert from China

Background

The expert from China offered a proposal for the category of confetti at the July 2002 session (UN/SCETDG/21/INF.42). The experts from the United Kingdom, United States of America and France provided useful comments. The Sub-Committee asked the expert from China to present some further information about the structure of confetti. For this reason, different specifications of confetti (different specifications of nitrogen bottle) and different materials of nitrogen bottle (steel or plastic) manufactured by three factories have been tested. The testing items were hot-water bath test (see 6.2.4), drop test (drop height 1.8 m) and combustion test of full case of confetti which are all stipulated in 6.2.4 of the Model Regulations. No leaking or explosion was found during the hot-water trough test and the falling test. No explosion occurred during the combustion test. These indicated that confetti were safe as: **small receptacles containing gas (gas cartridges)**. The expert from China is of the opinion that the principal danger of confetti is that the spurted colour paper could shock persons or fragile items after accidental pulling of the release device. The expert from China gave an example at the last meeting that a safety examiner at an airport pulled the release device accidentally and the spurted colour paper shocked a person's arm. See the figure of the structure of confetti. The expert from China will bring some real examples for reference.

Proposal

During the 23rd session, the expert from the United Kingdom proposed to classify such articles under UN No. 2037. The expert from China does not think it is suitable because the gas bottle is fixed with a release device.

The expert from China proposes to classify confetti in Class 9 and give them a new UN number on the grounds that the principal danger is spurting (danger).

Figure


