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

Comments on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/82 (Germany)

Transmitted by the expert from Belgium

Introduction

- 1. The Expert of Belgium agrees with the comment made by Germany concerning the difficulties linked to the wording "... individually packed in 1A2, ...".
- 2. However, the new texts that are being proposed for P601 (1) and (2) would create other difficulties and introduce unintended changes to these paragraphs (for instance: the loosening of the closures would have to be prevented by the metal packagings, the absorbing or the cushioning material; in the existing text "any means" will do).

Proposals

- 1. Redraft the text of P601 (1) as follows:
 - (1) Combination packagings with a maximum gross mass of 15 kg, consisting of :
 - one or more glass inner packagings; these are individually placed in a metal receptacle, together with inert cushioning material and a sufficient amount of absorbent material to absorb its entire contents:
 - a 1A2, 1B2, 1N2, 1H2, 1D, 1G, 4A, 4B, 4C1, 4C2, 4D, 4F, 4G or 4H2 outer packaging.

Each inner packaging shall not exceed 1 litre in capacity and shall not be filled to more than 90 % of its capacity; its closure shall be physically held in place by any means capable of preventing back-off or loosening of the closure by impact or vibration during transport.

- 2. Redraft the text of P602 (1) as follows:
 - (1) Combination packagings with a maximum gross mass of 50 kg, consisting of:
 - one or more glass inner packagings; these are individually placed in a metal receptacle, together with inert cushioning material and a sufficient amount of absorbent material to absorb its entire contents:
 - a 1A2, 1B2, 1N2, 1H2, 1D, 1G, 4A, 4B, 4C1, 4C2, 4D, 4F, 4G or 4H2 outer packaging.

Each inner packaging shall not exceed 1 litre in capacity and shall not be filled to more than 90 % of its capacity; its closure shall be physically held in place by any means capable of preventing back-off or loosening of the closure by impact or vibration during transport.

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