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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF  
DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY  
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods

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TEXT ADOPTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD, TWENTY-FOURTH  
AND TWENTY-FIFTH SESSIONS AND RELATED PROPOSALS

Infectious substances

P650

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During a recent Dangerous Goods Panel working group meeting the Panel was advised that a paper was submitted to the 26th session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2004/94) that proposes to authorize either a rigid outer packaging or a rigid secondary packaging in P650. Considering that the requirement for a rigid outer packaging for Category B infectious substances according to P650 was recently decided during DGP 19, the Panel was asked if they wish to advise the SCETDG of its views. The majority of Panel members did not support the concept of allowing either the secondary or outer packaging to be rigid. The Panel was of the opinion that the rigid outer packaging provided a higher level of safety.

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