COMMITEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF 
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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS
Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods
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LIMITED QUANTITIES

Transmitted by the Chairman of the Joint Meeting

1. During the last session of the sub committee it was agreed to consult different modal bodies
on the harmonisation of exemptions concerning Limited Quantities.

2. The joint meeting considered the different papers submitted to the sub committee but had
only limited time because of a busy agenda. Nethertheless some interesting comments were
made (see report par. 75 to 78)

3. In general the delegations were in favour of looking for a harmonized system in order to
facilitate the multi-modal transport.

4. A majority of de legations were not opposed to the inclusion of a concept of excepted
quantities as shown in the ICAO TI.

5. Concerning the concept of “consumers commodities” the reactions were not favourable.
Generally speaking the delegations were not ready to accept it because no exemptions would
be justified only on the basis that these products will be sold to consumers. Especially
minimal relevant information was deemed necessary and it would not be acceptable to carry
goods having different dangers under a class 9 label.

6. some delegations referred to the French study demonstrating that limited quantities were not
eliminating completely the risk .

7. Due to time constraints the discussion had to stop and a call for additional written comments
was made

8. Later two delegations sent written comments (Belgium and UIC) insisting more restrictive
positions and requiring more detailed information for these transports such as full transport
document…Belgium in addition declared his opposition to the inclusion of excepted
quantities