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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Other proposals

Packing Instructions P620 & P650

Transmitted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) ^{*/}

Background

1. At its 31st session of the Sub-Committee, IATA submitted informal document INF. 25 proposing a small amendment to the wording of paragraph (13) of P650 to delete the words "...or neutralizing the hazards".
2. In the discussion that took place, several experts commented that the other hazardous substances could be in other than the primary receptacle with the infectious substances. It was also suggested that the appropriate experts should be consulted, including experts from the World Health Organization (WHO).

^{*/} In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2007-2008 approved by the Committee at its third session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 100 and ST/SG/AC.10/34, para. 14) (packing).

3. Also at its 31st session, the Sub-Committee adopted a proposal by the experts from the United States to add an additional requirement into P620 as paragraph (4) with the same wording as that in P650 paragraph (13).

4. Following the 31st session of the Sub-Committee, IATA consulted with an expert from WHO and also other experts in infectious substances. These experts have confirmed that if a dangerous goods in Class 3, 8 or 9 were added to an infectious substance that neutralized the hazard of the substance then in accordance with 2.6.3.2.3.3, the substance would no longer be subject to the Regulations unless it now meets the criteria for inclusion in another class.

Proposal

5. Revise paragraph (13) of P650 to read as follows:

“(13) Other dangerous goods shall not be packed in the same packaging as Division 6.2 infectious substances unless they are necessary for maintaining the viability, stabilizing or preventing degradation ~~or neutralizing the hazards~~ of the infectious substances. A quantity of 30 mL or less of dangerous goods included in Classes 3, 8 or 9 may be packed in each primary receptacle containing infectious substances. When these small quantities of dangerous goods are packed with infectious substances in accordance with this packing instruction, no other requirements in these Regulations need be met.”

6. Revise the new paragraph (4) of P620 as adopted at the 31st session of the Sub-Committee to read as follows:

“(4) Other dangerous goods shall not be packed in the same packaging as Division 6.2 infectious substances unless they are necessary for maintaining the viability, stabilizing or preventing degradation ~~or neutralizing the hazards~~ of the infectious substances. A quantity of 30 ml or less of dangerous goods included in Classes 3, 8 or 9 may be packed in each primary receptacle containing infectious substances. These small quantities of dangerous goods of Classes 3, 8 or 9 are not subject to any additional requirements of these Regulations when packed in accordance with this packing instruction.”
