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**MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON
THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Use of the term "transport unit"

Note by the secretariat

1. During the discussion of the proposals by the expert from Australia to introduce a definition of *cargo transport unit* in section 1.2.1 (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2007/15 and -/2007/18), and following the proposal by the secretariat to add a reference to MEGCs in the definition, the representative of CGA rightly underlined that the last sentence of 6.7.5.2.1 indicates that "The MEGC shall be designed to be loaded onto a transport unit or ship and shall be equipped ..." which seems odd if the MEGC is a cargo transport unit itself.
2. The secretariat believes that this last sentence of 6.7.5.2.1 was intended to match the corresponding sentence in the last paragraph of the definition of "portable tank" in 1.2.1, which reads "It [Portable tank] shall be designed primarily to be loaded on to a transport vehicle or ship and is equipped ...".
3. The secretariat proposes that since there is a definition in 1.2.1 of "Vehicle" (which covers road and rail vehicles) and of "Vessel" (which covers seagoing vessels and inland navigation vessels, when the word "ship" is not defined in 1.2.1 and is usually used to designate seagoing vessels only), both texts (definition of portable tank in 1.2.1 and para. 6.7.5.2.1) should be amended to read: "shall be designed to be loaded onto a vehicle or vessel".
4. In addition, the secretariat suggests that the word "cargo-carrying unit" in the last paragraph of 5.3.1.1.5.2 and 7.2.3.1.1 be replaced by "vehicle".

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