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EXPLOSIVES AND RELATED MATTERS

Additional test for 1.4S classification

Note by the secretariat

1. When preparing the consolidated list of amendments adopted by the Sub-Committee at its 31st, 32nd and 33rd sessions (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/97), the secretariat noted a problem concerning the new boxes 33a and 33b of Figure 10.3 in the Manual of Tests and Criteria.

2. The text in box 33a reads as follows: "Does special provision 347 apply?".

Special provision 347 applies to UN Nos. 0323, 0366, 0441, 0445, 0455, 0456, 0460 and 0500, i.e. to articles which have already been classified. Therefore, the secretariat believes that it is not appropriate to include such a question in the middle of the classification flowchart.

3. Furthermore, special provision 347 reads: "This designation shall only be used if the results of Test series 6 (d) of Part I of the Manual of Tests and Criteria have demonstrated that any hazardous effects arising from functioning are confined within the package."

Therefore, the secretariat believes that it is not appropriate to include in box 33a, a question which is linked to the results of Test series 6 (d) when accordingly to the flowchart, the tests 6 (d) have not yet been carried out (box 33b).

4. The secretariat suggests that the question in box 33a should read as follows: "Is the article a cartridge, power device, a detonator, a detonator assembly, or a charge?".

5. The Sub-Committee may wish to consider this suggestion or a new wording for the text in box 33a that would not be linked to a special provision applicable to classified articles.

6. The Sub-Committee may also wish to check whether the introduction of new tests for 1.4S classification entails consequential amendments to 2.1.2.2.

7. As the same flowchart is reproduced in Figure 2.1.3 of the GHS, the Sub-Committee may wish to provide appropriate recommendations to the Sub-Committee on the GHS.