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Documentation for Excepted Packages of Radioactive Material

Note by the secretariat

1. At its thirty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee adopted a new paragraph 5.1.5.4.2 reading as follows:

“5.1.5.4.2 The documentation requirements of Chapter 5.4 do not apply to excepted packages of radioactive material, except that the UN number preceded by the letters “UN” shall be shown on a transport document such as a bill of lading, air waybill or other similar document” (see ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.1).

2. This seems to imply that neither paragraph 5.4.1.1 nor paragraph 5.4.1.3 would apply to the transport of excepted packages of radioactive material.

3. According to paragraph 5.4.4 (a) of the IAEA Regulations (2009 edition and previous versions) applicable to excepted packages of radioactive material, the consignor shall include in the transport documents with each consignment the identification of the consignor and consignee, including their names and addresses, and the UN number.

4. Therefore the secretariat thinks that the provisions of 5.4.1.1, 5.4.1.2, 5.4.1.3 and 5.1.4.4 (a) of the Model Regulations are relevant for the transport of excepted packages of radioactive material.

5. For the sake of harmonization with the IAEA Regulations, the secretariat suggests that the new paragraph 5.4.1.4.2 should be redrafted to read as follows:

“5.4.1.4.2 The documentation requirements of Chapter 5.4 do not apply to excepted packages of radioactive material, except those of 5.4.1.1, 5.4.1.2, 5.4.1.3 and 5.4.1.4.1 (a)”.
