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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Assignment of SP 274

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1. In the previous biennium, CEFIC had introduced several documents on harmonizing the assignment of SP 274 amongst the different modes, in particular documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/25, UN/SCETDG/33/INF.3 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/63. At its thirty-fourth session the UNSCETDG meeting adopted the proposals made, except the assignment of SP 274 to the entries for Medicines.
2. During the discussion of the harmonization of the IMDG Code with the UN Recommendations, the E&T Group of the IMO DSC Sub-Committee noticed that UN 1707 (THALLIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S.) did not figure amongst the entries to which SP 274 should be assigned, although it is a substance of division 6.1, PG II, which was one of the criteria (criterion c) for assigning SP 274. Therefore the E&T Group decided to assign SP 274 to UN 1707 in Amendment 35-10 to the IMDG Code.
3. Cefic agrees that this is an omission and that indeed SP 274 should be assigned to UN 1707, which is already the case for RID, ADR and ADN.
4. Cefic meanwhile identified another omission: UN 2571 (ALKYLSULPHURIC ACIDS) is assigned SP 274 in the UN Model Regulations whereas this not the case in RID/ADR/ADN. This substance belongs to Class 8 (PG II) and does not meet the criterion, mentioned under 2 above (i.e. belonging to division 6.1), and therefore SP 274 should not be assigned to this entry.
5. In order to achieve full harmonization Cefic therefore proposes
 - Adding SP 274 in column 6 of the Dangerous Goods List for UN 1707
 - Removing SP 274 from column 6 of the Dangerous Goods List for UN 2571