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and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-third session**

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Listing, classification and packing: miscellaneous**Proposal to eliminate the description text, for the proper
shipping name of; “Safety devices”, for UN 3268 (Class 9)****Transmitted by the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous
Articles (COSTHA)¹****Introduction**

1. The Sub-Committee, at its forty-first session, revised the proper shipping name of UN3268: “AIR BAG INFLATORS, AIR BAG MODULES or SEAT-BELT PRETENSIONERS” to: “SAFETY DEVICES” with descriptive text reading “*electrically ignited*”.

2. COSTHA has since discovered there are other forms of initiation of safety devices. These include mechanically ignited; when the vehicle senses a deceleration, a firing pin (primer) type device that is spring loaded will release to actuate the primer of the MGG. There may also be other ways of ignition which may appear in the future that industry may not foresee.

Proposal

3. COSTHA proposes the descriptive text “*electrically ignited*” be removed from UN3268 SAFETY DEVICES. This will allow for future technological developments without having to continually append the descriptive text. The change would affect UN3268, Class 9 only.

UN3268 SAFETY DEVICES ~~*electrically ignited*~~

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).