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Listing, classification and packing

Modified proposal for polymerizing substances – document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2015/36

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1. Following discussions with several delegations, CEFIC wishes to modify the proposal of working document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2015/36 as follows (new text in bold):

Proposal

2. In the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, appendix 6 (Screening Procedures), insert a section 5.2 as follows:

5.2 Substances which may be polymerizing substances (Division 4.1)

Provided that the substance is not intended for polymerization, the classification procedure for polymerizing substances need not be applied if:

(a) The chemical structure of the substance contains no double or triple bonds or strained rings; **or**

(b) ~~Or,~~ The compound contains double or triple bonds or strained rings, **but and** the molecular mass M(CHON) counting only the elements C, H, O and N is more than 150, **or**

(c) The compound is solid with a melting point above 50 °C.

3. Renumber the existing sections 5.2 to 5.3 and 5.3 to 5.4
