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

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**Listing, classification and packing****Proper Shipping Name in case of several distinct entries  
listed under a single UN Number****Transmitted by the expert from Austria<sup>1</sup>****Introduction**

1. 3.1.2.2 reflects the situation that entries in one line of the Dangerous Goods List are connected with “conjunctions such as “and” or “or” are in lower case or when segments of the name are punctuated by commas”. In a) and b) it states clearly that “The proper shipping name is the most appropriate of the following [possible] combinations”. This means that from the examples in a) either “LIGHTERS” or “LIGHTER REFILLS” has to be used and not both. (Only when different items are packed together, it might be considered correct to connect them with “and” after the UN number.)
2. However, the first sentence of 3.1.2.2 reads “When conjunctions such as “and” or “or” are in lower case or when segments of the name are punctuated by commas, the entire name of the entry need not necessarily be shown in the transport document or package marks.”
3. Austria holds the opinion that this wording is not in line with what is really meant for the cases highlighted in the examples. According to this ambiguity Austrian courts have meanwhile decided that nobody can be held responsible for breaking the law when he uses all alternatives together as proper shipping name instead of the most appropriate one.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2015–2016 approved by the Committee at its seventh session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/92, paragraph 95 and ST/SG/AC.10/42, para. 15).

## Proposal

4. Austria therefore proposes to align the beginning of 3.1.2.2 with the wording in lit. a) and b) by inserting the sentence underlined:

“When conjunctions such as “and” or “or” are in lower case or when segments of the name are punctuated by commas, the entire name of the entry need not necessarily be shown in the transport document or package marks. In case of alternatives only the most appropriate one has to be used as proper shipping name. This is the case particularly when a combination of several distinct entries are listed under a single UN Number. Examples illustrating the selection of the proper shipping name for such entries are: (...)”.

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