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Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model

**Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:
marking and labelling**

Size of the marking of the UN number on packages

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Introduction

1. In informal document INF.8 (52nd session), the expert from IATA has proposed an amendment to 5.2.1.1. It appears that this proposal would remove the text, “.....*and for cylinders of 60 litres water capacity when they shall be at least 6 mm in height and except for packages of 5 litres or 5 kg or less when they shall be of an appropriate size.*”
2. Removal of the text with the specific reference to cylinders will actually cause more confusion, not less.
3. The minimum size of 6mm for cylinders of 60 litres water capacity has been adopted in Europe and has been demonstrated to work well, with no confusion reported.
4. Any change to the text of 5.2.1.1 needs to retain the wording specific to cylinders.
5. Proposed text to accommodate cylinders could be,

For cylinders of 60 litres water capacity the UN number and letters “UN” shall be at least 6 mm in height and except for packages of 5 litres or 5 kg or less when they shall be of an appropriate size.
