COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS
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Draft Amendment to the Model Regulations

Documentation for the Transport of Dangerous Goods
Sequence of information, ST/SG/AC.10/2000/36

Transmitted by the Expert from Canada

1. The expert from Canada agrees with the conclusions in the IATA paper, ST/SG/AC.10/2000/36 that there are no significant benefits to revising the sequence of information in the description of dangerous goods so that the UN number would be placed before the proper shipping name.

2. Canada believes that changes affecting worldwide transport should not be adopted for inclusion in the Model Regulations to accommodate regional or national requirements. We believe that need and improvement to safety must be demonstrated before changes to the Model Regulations are considered.

3. We do not believe that need and improvement to safety has been demonstrated such that the proposed change to the existing sequence of information, putting the UN number before the proper shipping name, on a transport document is required.

4. We ask that the Committee not adopt the draft amendment to change the sequence of information regarding the proper shipping name and UN number on a transport document as proposed.
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