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**HARMONIZATION OF THE IAEA TRANSPORT REGULATIONS  
AND UN MODEL REGULATIONS**

Transmitted by the expert from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

1. The Sub-Committee will recall that the expert from United Kingdom presented the Working Paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 at the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the SCETDG in July 2005. According to this document some of the IAEA provisions could be better integrated in the Model Regulations in accordance with the logic of the Model Regulations format, e.g. by using packing instructions, transferring some provisions in specific chapters and eliminating duplications.
2. In the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub Committee, the delegate of IAEA proposed to organize and hold a Consultant Meeting to consider these proposals. The consultant meeting was originally proposed for October 2005. Nevertheless, STORMU (the IAEA Safety of Transport of Radioactive Material Unit) got involved in other meetings; leading to the postponement of this CSM.
3. For the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Sub Committee, the expert from UK submitted the Inf. Paper 35 in order to ensure the development of this work. In this paper, the expert from UK proposes:
  - i. The Sub-Committee and the IAEA work together inter-sessionally to review the UK proposals in order to submit new text by the next session of each parent body;
  - ii. Members of the Sub-Committee now review the proposed texts put forward in 2005/19 and this paper and either comments verbally during the current session or in writing to the Expert from the United Kingdom by the end of January 2006.
4. Also for the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub Committee, the delegate of the IAEA submitted the Inf. Paper 36 on which it is proposed to hold the CSM in time to submit the new text for the next Session of Sub-Committee (which deadline is 7 April 2006).
5. During the 28<sup>th</sup> session of UN SCETDG the expert from UK and the Delegate from IAEA agreed to merge their proposals. The resulting proposal is as follow:
  - i. to update, if necessary, document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 in order to reflect the 14<sup>th</sup> revised edition of the UN Model Regulations;
  - ii. to request comments from UN SCETDG and TRANSSC on the updated ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19;
  - iii. to hold the CSM in February 2006;
  - iv. to adopt the Terms of References the meeting as presented in this Inf. Paper;
  - v. to propose the participation of an UN Sub-Committee representative.
6. It is expected the outcomes of this meeting will be submitted to the Sub-Committee and TRANSSC in their next session.

Terms of Reference for the Review of the Document  
**ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19**

Harmonization with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regulations for the Safe Transport of  
Radioactive Material

***Background***

The IAEA is entrusted by the UN Economic and Social Council with drafting of recommendations on the transport of radioactive material, on the understanding that the recommendations would be consistent with the principles adopted by the ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and would be formulated in consultation with the United Nations and the relevant specialized agencies.

This has led to continuing co-operation between the Committee of Experts, the IAEA, the relevant specialized agencies [e.g. the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)] and various other United Nations bodies, particularly the UNECE. The IAEA and the ECOSOC Committee of Experts have agreed that the provisions of the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material should be integrated in the Model Regulations annexed to the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. Consequently, the IAEA Regulations are both a stand-alone document and part of the UN Model Regulations.

At the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on Transport of Dangerous Goods, the expert from United Kingdom submitted document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 on which a preliminary review of the provisions of the Model Regulations and the IAEA Regulations is made on the basis of the table of correspondence at the end of the Model Regulations. From this review a number of proposals was outlined and presented as annexes to the mentioned paper.

The UN Sub-Committee suggested that the paper submitted by the expert from UK should be reviewed in close cooperation with IAEA experts. This issue was discussed by TRANNSC and TRANSSC 11 endorsed the proposal from the Secretariat to hold a consultant service meeting to review the above-mentioned paper. The revised paper is thought to be submitted by the expert from the United Kingdom at the summer 2006 session of UN Sub-Committee.

***Objective of the Meeting***

Taking into account relevant documents and references, consultants are requested to review and revise, if necessary, the paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19 and UN/SCETDG/28/INF.35 to:

- to make sure that UK proposals are consistent and aligned with IAEA Regulations and UN Model Regulations;
- To evaluate if there are any other areas where there is a need for better harmonization between IAEA/UN Regulations.

***Product of the Meeting***

The product of this meeting will be a revised document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2005/19, including recommendation to incorporate it into the UN Model Regulations and TS-R-1.

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